MARVEL
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SPIDER-MAN
PAKNADEL
NEVES
CHARALAMPIDIS

People think having everything means something.
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Big house. Good schools. Safe neighborhood.
Everybody called it a good life.
I thought it felt dead.
YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.
INNOVATE.
BUILD TOMORROW.
BE THE NEXT.

I was an only child.
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
The Next Frontier
Nanotech Revolution
INNOVATION DRIVES THE FUTURE.
People think that means peace.
Future Innovators Forum
Top 10 Innovators Who Changed the World
Elon Musk: Building the Future
Why Innovation Matters
The Next Generation of Technology
Quantum Computing Explained
Engineering Tomorrow
The Mind of Nikola Tesla
Up Next:
Steve Jobs Think Different
The Future is Now Documentary
Nobody tells you how loud silence gets.
You start talking to yourself. Thinking to yourself. Living in your own head.
SCIENCE IS THE KEY TO TOMORROW.

MAYBE EVERYBODY ELSE COULD LIVE LIKE THIS.
SCIENCE IS THE KEY TO TOMORROW.
BUT I COULDN'T.
I KNOW THERE'S MORE TO LIFE.
INNOVATION DRIVES THE FUTURE.
THERE HAS TO BE.
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
The Next Frontier
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS
SCHOLARSHIP
I'M DONE MOPING AROUND IN MY ROOM ALL DAY.
IF LIFE WASN'T GOING TO COME TO ME...
...THEN MAYBE I HAD TO GO FIND IT.

I CAN'T CHANGE WHERE I STARTED.
INNOVATION DRIVES THE FUTURE.
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
The Next Frontier
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
BUT I CAN DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.
NEW LOOK. NEW CHAPTER. NEW ME.
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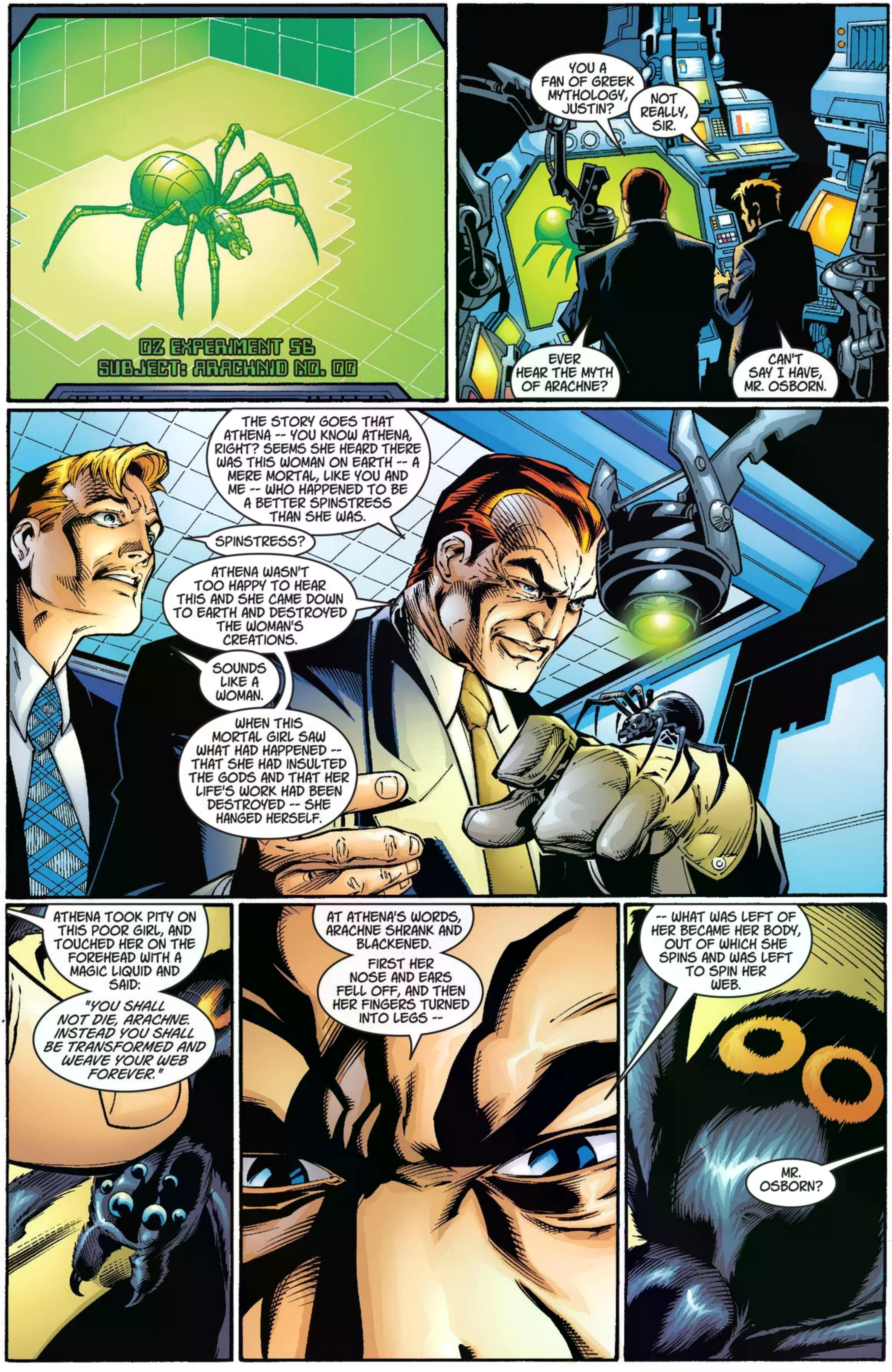
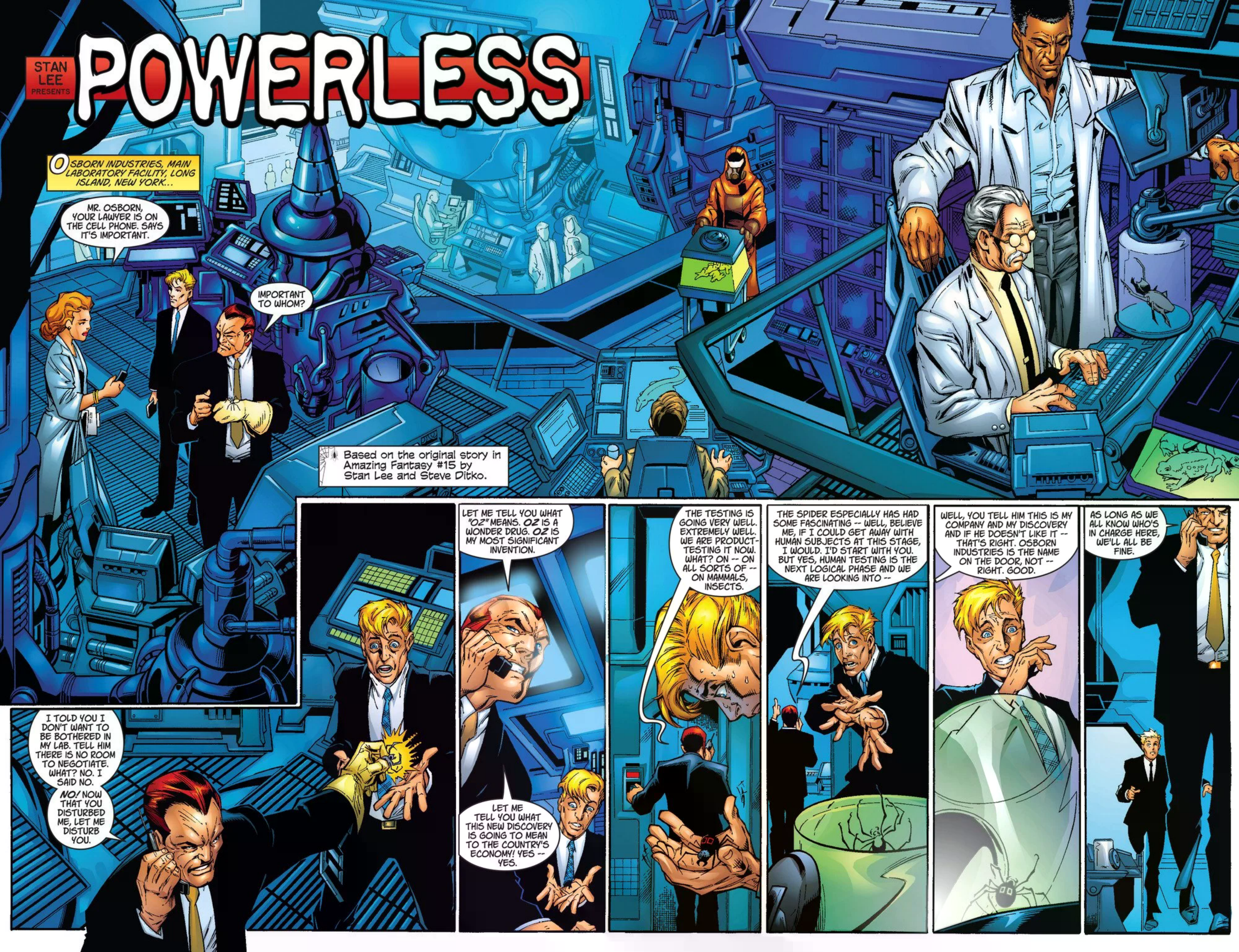
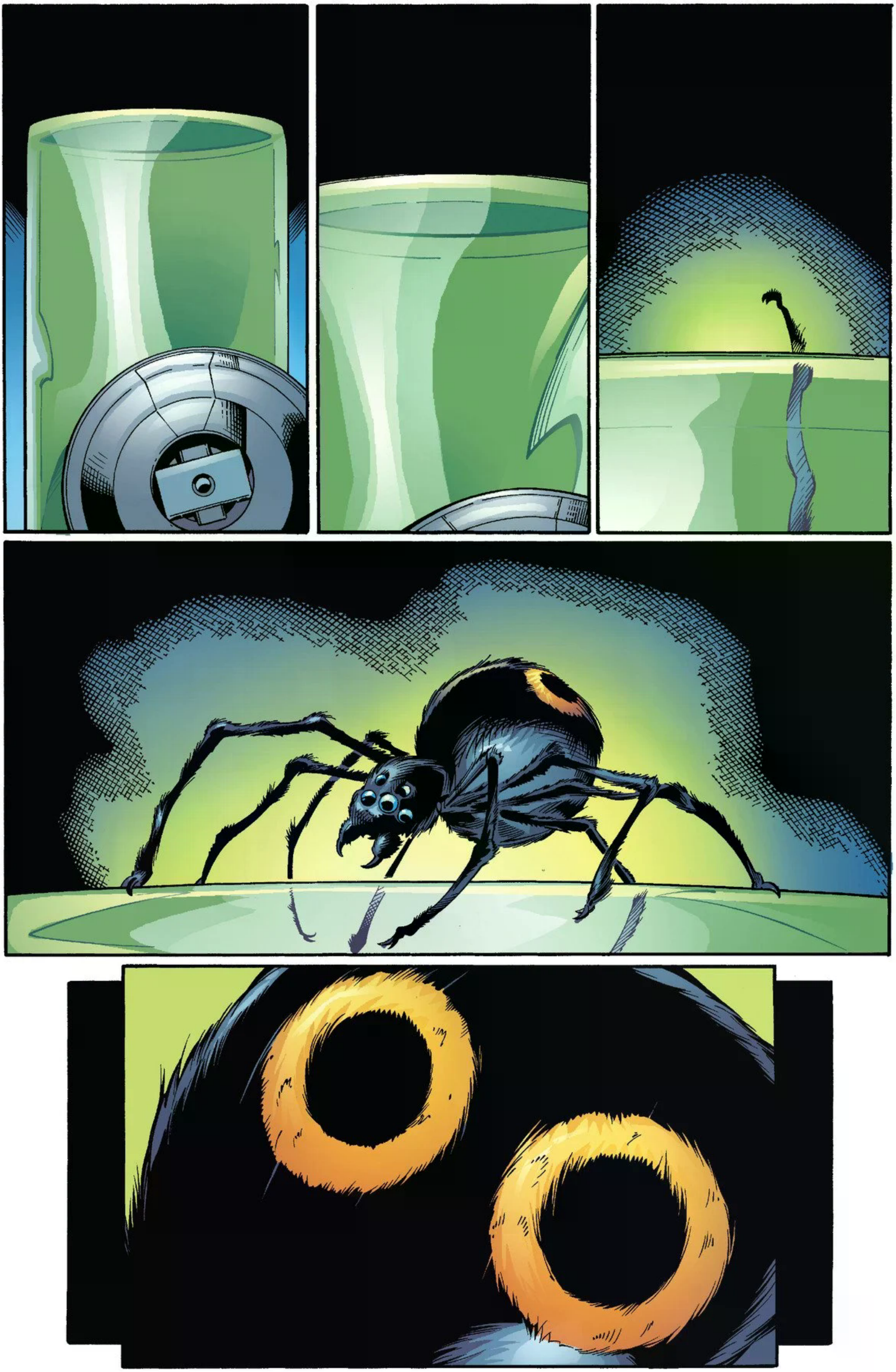
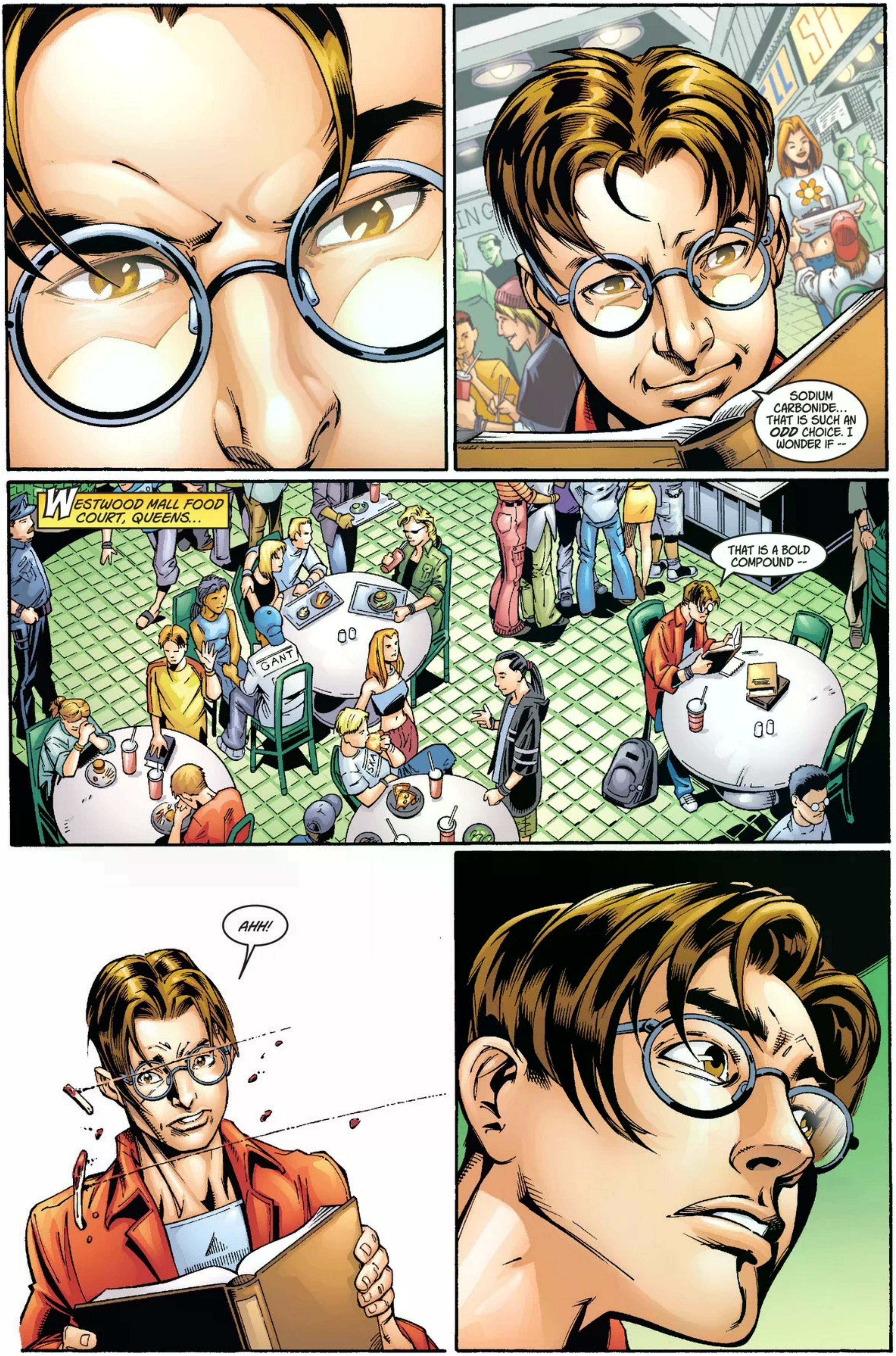
TODAY, EVERYTHING CHANGES.
FIRST DAY. FIRST STEP.
WESTWOOD COLLEGE
WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!
W LEARN GROW LEAD
W LEARN GROW LEAD
TIME TO TURN EVERYTHING AROUND.
THINK CREATE INSPIRE
YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE
TO BE CONTINUED...

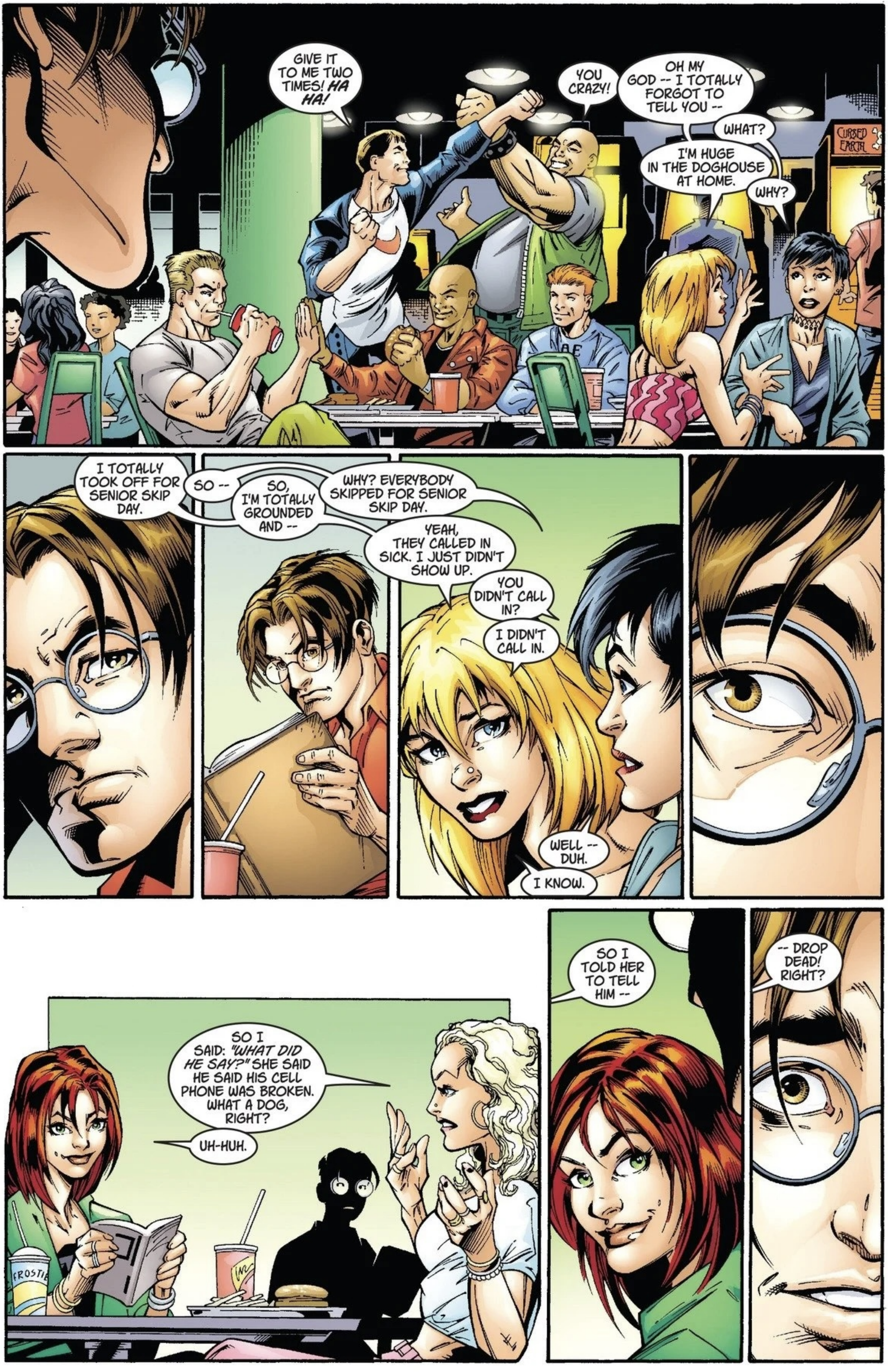
CHAPTER 1


OZ EXPERIMENT 56
SUBJECT: ARACHNID NO. 00
YOU A FAN OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY, JUSTIN?
NOT REALLY, SIR.
EVER HEAR THE MYTH OF ARACHNE?
CAN'T SAY I HAVE, MR. OSBORN.
THE STORY GOES THAT ATHENA -- YOU KNOW ATHENA, RIGHT? SEEMS SHE HEARD THERE WAS THIS WOMAN ON EARTH -- A MERE MORTAL, LIKE YOU AND ME -- WHO HAPPENED TO BE A BETTER SPINSTRESS THAN SHE WAS.
SPINSTRESS?
ATHENA WASN'T TOO HAPPY TO HEAR THIS AND SHE CAME DOWN TO EARTH AND DESTROYED THE WOMAN'S CREATIONS.
SOUNDS LIKE A WOMAN.
WHEN THIS MORTAL GIRL SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED -- THAT SHE HAD INSULTED THE GODS AND THAT HER LIFE'S WORK HAD BEEN DESTROYED -- SHE HANGED HERSELF.
ATHENA TOOK PITY ON THIS POOR GIRL, AND TOUCHED HER ON THE FOREHEAD WITH A MAGIC LIQUID AND SAID:
"YOU SHALL NOT DIE, ARACHNE. INSTEAD YOU SHALL BE TRANSFORMED AND WEAVE YOUR WEB FOREVER."
AT ATHENA'S WORDS, ARACHNE SHRANK AND BLACKENED.
FIRST HER NOSE AND EARS FELL OFF, AND THEN HER FINGERS TURNED INTO LEGS --
-- WHAT WAS LEFT OF HER BECAME HER BODY, OUT OF WHICH SHE SPINS AND WAS LEFT TO SPIN HER WEB.
MR. OSBORN?


STAN LEE PRESENTS
POWERLESS
OSBORN INDUSTRIES, MAIN LABORATORY FACILITY, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK...
MR. OSBORN, YOUR LAWYER IS ON THE CELL PHONE. SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT.
IMPORTANT TO WHOM?
Based on the original story in Amazing Fantasy #15 by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko.
I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED IN MY LAB. TELL HIM THERE IS NO ROOM TO NEGOTIATE. WHAT? NO. I SAID NO.
NO! NOW THAT YOU DISTURBED ME, LET ME DISTURB YOU.
LET ME TELL YOU WHAT "OZ" MEANS. OZ IS A WONDER DRUG. OZ IS MY MOST SIGNIFICANT INVENTION.
LET ME TELL YOU WHAT THIS NEW DISCOVERY IS GOING TO MEAN TO THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY! YES -- YES.
THE TESTING IS GOING VERY WELL. EXTREMELY WELL. WE ARE PRODUCT-TESTING IT NOW. WHAT? ON -- ON ALL SORTS OF -- ON MAMMALS, INSECTS.
THE SPIDER ESPECIALLY HAS HAD SOME FASCINATING -- WELL, BELIEVE ME, IF I COULD GET AWAY WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS AT THIS STAGE, I WOULD. I'D START WITH YOU. BUT YES, HUMAN TESTING IS THE NEXT LOGICAL PHASE AND WE ARE LOOKING INTO --
WELL, YOU TELL HIM THIS IS MY COMPANY AND MY DISCOVERY AND IF HE DOESN'T LIKE IT -- THAT'S RIGHT. OSBORN INDUSTRIES IS THE NAME ON THE DOOR, NOT -- RIGHT. GOOD.
AS LONG AS WE ALL KNOW WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE, WE'LL ALL BE FINE.




SODIUM CARBONIDE... THAT IS SUCH AN ODD CHOICE. I WONDER IF --
WESTWOOD MALL FOOD COURT, QUEENS...
THAT IS A BOLD COMPOUND --
GANT
AHH!


GIVE IT TO ME TWO TIMES! HA HA!
YOU CRAZY!
OH MY GOD -- I TOTALLY FORGOT TO TELL YOU --
WHAT?
I'M HUGE IN THE DOGHOUSE AT HOME.
WHY?
CURSED EARTH
I TOTALLY TOOK OFF FOR SENIOR SKIP DAY.
SO --
SO, I'M TOTALLY GROUNDED AND --
WHY? EVERYBODY SKIPPED FOR SENIOR SKIP DAY.
YEAH, THEY CALLED IN SICK. I JUST DIDN'T SHOW UP.
YOU DIDN'T CALL IN?
I DIDN'T CALL IN.
WELL -- DUH.
I KNOW.
SO I SAID: "WHAT DID HE SAY?" SHE SAID HE SAID HIS CELL PHONE WAS BROKEN. WHAT A DOG, RIGHT?
UH-HUH.
SO I TOLD HER TO TELL HIM --
-- DROP DEAD! RIGHT?

THAT'S A *FIVE* POINTER!
NUH-UH! I'D GIVE IT A FOUR.
I'M GOING TO GO TRY ON TOPS. COMING?
WHAT? UH -- NO. NO, I GOTTA...
STUDY. YEAH, DUH. WHAT *ELSE* IS NEW IN THE WORLD OF BRAINY JANEY? I'M GONE.

SLAM IT HOME, KING KONG!
GOOOAAL!
YOU GUYS ARE SUCH *IDIOTS*. REALLY!
HEY, PETER...

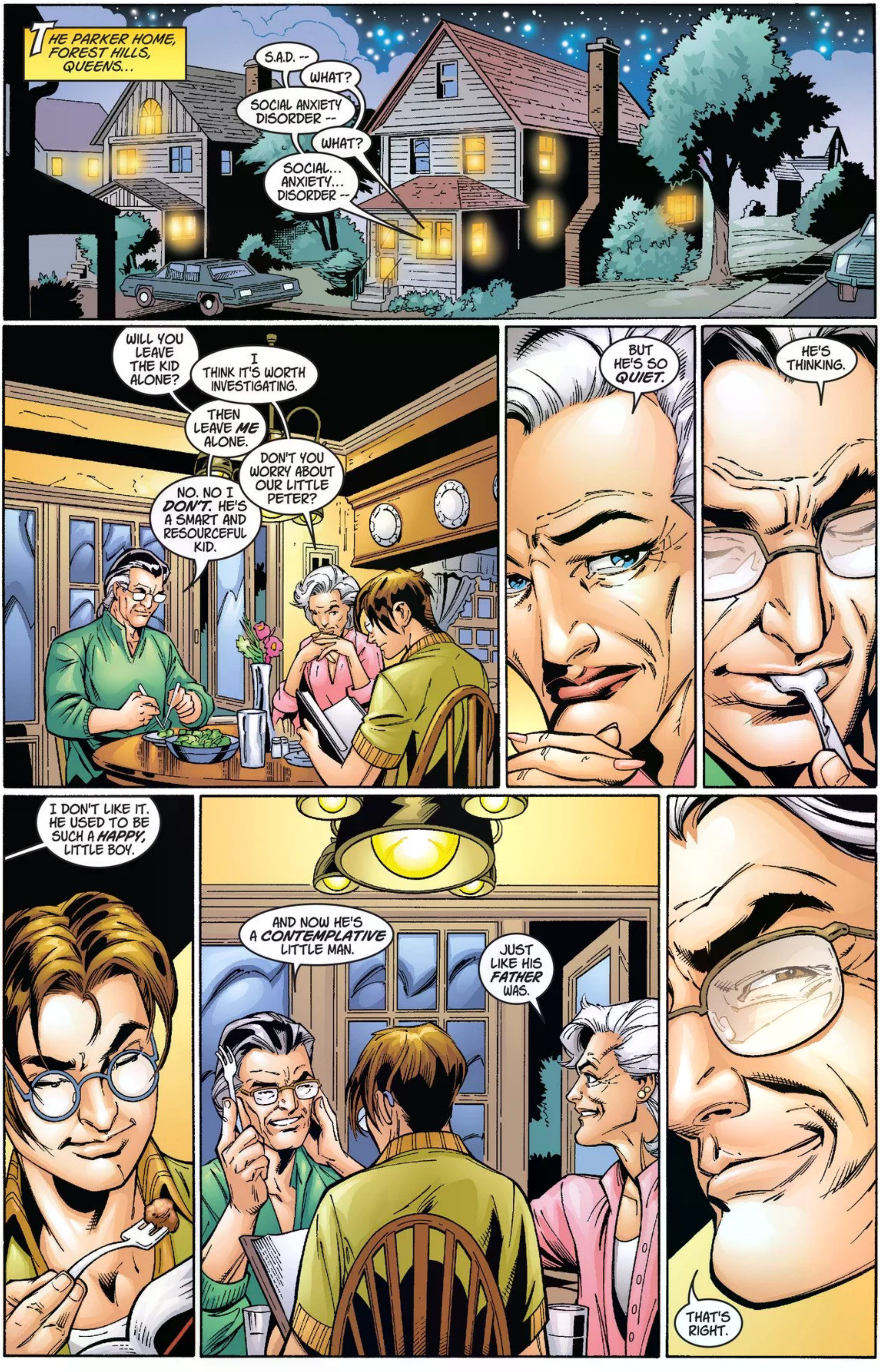
UNCLE BEN? WHAT -- WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST DROPPING ME OFF.
ISN'T THAT MARY JANE OVER THERE?
I NEEDED SOME PANTS. SO I BOUGHT SOME PANTS.
WHY ISN'T MARY JANE SITTING OVER HERE?
MARY -- MARY JANE?
GET OVER HERE, GIRL!
DON'T YOU LOOK LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS.
DOESN'T SHE LOOK FAB, PETER?
YEAH, SURE. OF -- OF COURSE.
PPPFTT!
HEY, MARY, HOW'D THAT SCIENCE WHATCHAMAZOOT DOOHICKEY PROJECT YOU AND PETER WERE WORKING ON GO?
PETER DIDN'T TELL YOU?
OH -- I DIDN'T WANT TO BORE HIM WITH --?
I THINK WE DID GOOD.
YOU DID GREAT. YOU ALWAYS DO.

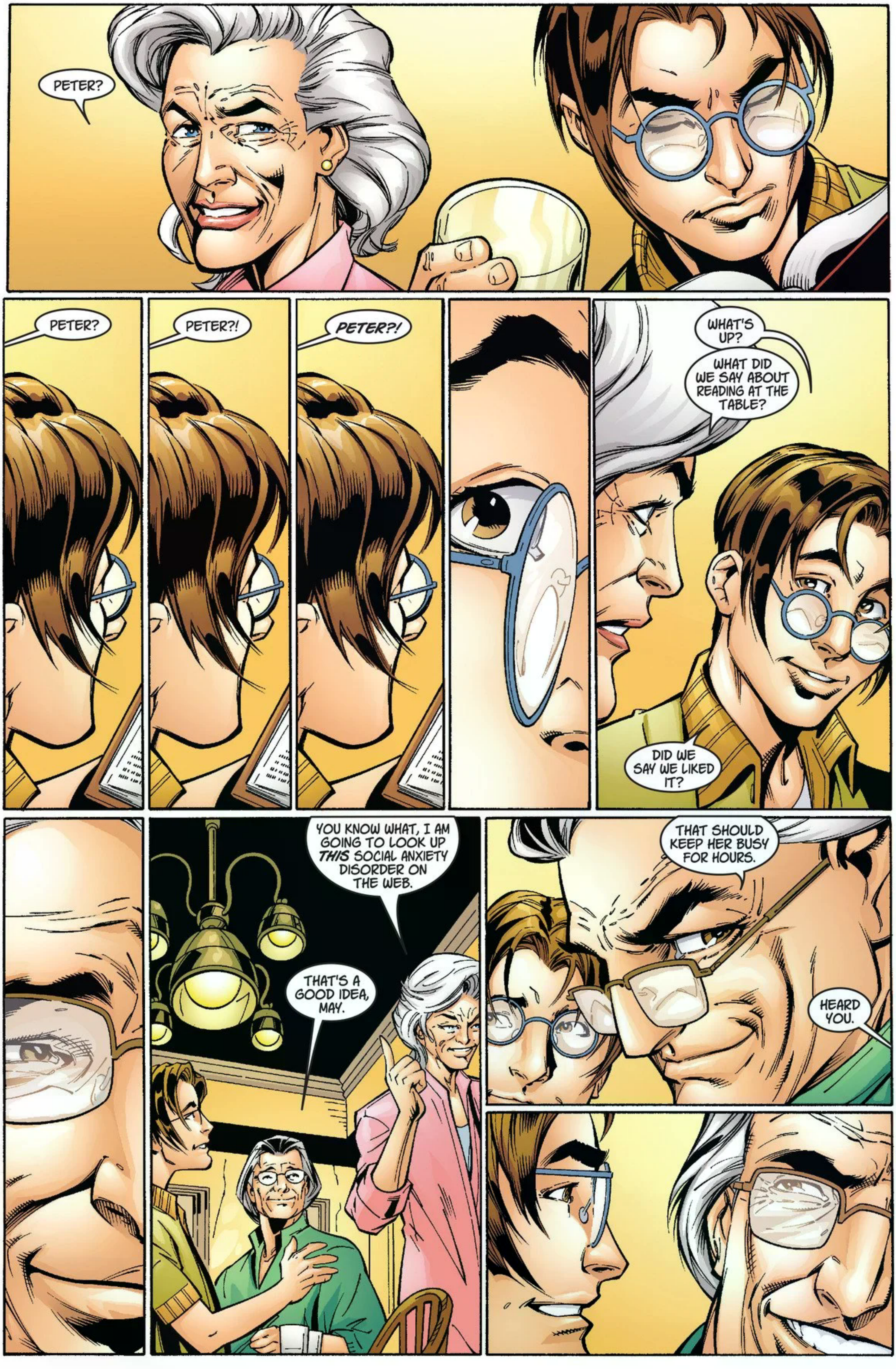
P.S. 163, QUEENS DISTRICT...
HANG TEN
OOOF!
GOOOAAL!
THAT IS DEFINITELY WORTH TEN POINTS.
TEN? THAT WAS A SIX TOPS.
UH-OH, LOOKS LIKE PARKER'S ABOUT TO PULL A "CARRIE."
GUYS -- GUYS! COME ON, LEAVE THE GUY ALONE FOR TWO SECONDS.
WHAT? ARE YOU SWEET ON HIM, HARRY?
NO, I'M SWEET ON YOU.
OH YEAH -- I FORGOT. THIS IS YOUR CHARITY PROJECT.
GO FLEX A MUSCLE.
IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON HERE? WHAT IS THIS MESS?
HARRY OSBORN, THOMPSON. DON'T YOU PUNKS HAVE PRACTICE? GO!
YES, SIR -- SIR.
PARKER, DON'T LET THOSE GUYS PICK ON YOU LIKE THAT. OK? YOU COME TO ME IF THAT HAPPENS AGAIN...

PETEY, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LEARN TO STAY OUT OF THEIR WAY?
YEAH, SILLY ME FOR WALKING DOWN THE HALL. WHAT WAS I THINKING?
SO, I'LL SWING BY THE PARKER PAD AROUND EIGHT, WE'LL GO THROUGH THAT BIOLOGY STUFF.
ACTUALLY HARRY, I WAS GOING TO WORK ON ONE OF MY --
GREAT, I'LL BRING SOME NOSH, YOU BRING THE BRAINS.
Y'KNOW, FINE BUT -- YOU KNOW --
WHAT?
I DON'T MIND DOING YOUR HOMEWORK FOR YOU --
HELPING ME WITH MY HOMEWORK.
BUT -- CAN'T YOU GET THOSE JERKHOLE TEAM-MATES OF YOURS TO GET A NEW HOBBY?
OH, FORGET ABOUT THEM. ROLL IT OFF.
ROLL IT OFF?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, YOU ARE GOING TO, LIKE, WHIZ RIGHT BY THEM.
YOU'LL SLAP TOGETHER WITH ONE OF THOSE INTERNET COMPANIES THAT SELL WIDGETS AND MAKE FORTY MILLION DOLLARS OR SOMETHING.
AND THESE GUYS --? YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES. FLASH THOMPSON'S WHOLE LIFE PEAKED, LIKE THREE WEEKS AGO.
YEAH, WELL, THAT AIN'T HELPING ME NOW.
I'D HELP YOU, PETE, BUT -- YOU KNOW -- THEM'S THE POLITICS OF BEING ME. SEE YOU ON THE FLIPMODE.
GREAT.

THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM...
COME ON, FLASH, SHOW ME THE MOVES!
THAT'S THE MAN!
AND THE KONG PUTS IT THROUGH.
KING KONG!
YOU'RE UP, PARKER!
PARKER! BALL IN BASKET!

A WOMAN! I SWEAR TO GOD!
IF I HAD TO BET CASH MONEY, BASED ON THAT THROW, I'D SAY I WAS LOOKING AT A WOMAN.
PLAYA
TRY WEARIN' A SUNDRESS NEXT TIME.
MAYBE YOU CAN BORROW ONE FROM THE PONY-TAIL-WEARIN' UNCLE.


THE PARKER HOME, FOREST HILLS, QUEENS...
S.A.D. --
WHAT?
SOCIAL ANXIETY DISORDER --
WHAT?
SOCIAL... ANXIETY... DISORDER --
WILL YOU LEAVE THE KID ALONE?
I THINK IT'S WORTH INVESTIGATING.
THEN LEAVE *ME* ALONE.
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT OUR LITTLE PETER?
NO. NO I *DON'T.* HE'S A SMART AND RESOURCEFUL KID.
BUT HE'S SO *QUIET.*
HE'S THINKING.
I DON'T LIKE IT. HE USED TO BE SUCH A *HAPPY,* LITTLE BOY.
AND NOW HE'S A *CONTEMPLATIVE* LITTLE MAN.
JUST LIKE HIS *FATHER* WAS.
THAT'S RIGHT.


PETER?
PETER?
PETER?!
PETER?!
WHAT'S UP?
WHAT DID WE SAY ABOUT READING AT THE TABLE?
DID WE SAY WE LIKED IT?
YOU KNOW WHAT, I AM GOING TO LOOK UP *THIS* SOCIAL ANXIETY DISORDER ON THE WEB.
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, MAY.
THAT SHOULD KEEP HER BUSY FOR HOURS.
HEARD YOU.

I NEVER GET OVER ALL THE DOO-DADS YOU GOT. MY DAD DOESN'T HAVE THIS MUCH CRAP LAYING AROUND.
YEAH, MOST OF IT, Y'KNOW, I GOT FROM MY DAD.
INHERITED IT?
YEAH.
HEY -- HOW'D YOUR PARENTS BUY IT?
PLANE CRASH.
BUMMER.
SO -- UH --
I BET THAT WATSON GIRL GETS ALL HOT AND BOTHERED DOWN HERE, HUH?
WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.
UH-HUH.
OH, NO. DON'T DO THAT.
SORRY. DELICATE.
WHAT IS ALL THIS ANYHOW?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BLOW UP THE SCHOOL, ARE YOU?
NO. STOP IT.
THIS IS -- IT'S REALLY --
SEE, MY FATHER WAS WORKING ON A COUPLE OF PATENTS --
-- THIS ONE WAS FOR THIS INTERESTING MOLECULAR ADHESIVE.
I CAN'T -- I HAVEN'T WRAPPED MY HEAD AROUND SOME OF THE MORE COMPLEX COMPONENTS.
HE HADN'T FINISHED THE TESTING BEFORE HE -- YOU KNOW...
BUT I'VE BEEN RUNNING A SERIES OF DENSITY TESTS AND...
...AND...
YEAH -- SO, LISTEN.
I'M GOING TO BAIL OUT OF HERE.
SO --

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE AMERICAN CONSUMER MARKET, JOE.
THE CIGARETTE COMPANIES -- LISTEN TO ME --
THE CIGARETTE COMPANIES WERE PUTTING ADDICTIVE LEVELS OF NICOTINE IN CIGARETTES DECADES BEFORE ANYONE FIGURED IT OUT.
AND WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FINALLY GOT AROUND TO FIGURING IT OUT --
-- IT WAS TOO LATE.
THE ENTIRE WORLD WAS ALREADY HAVING A NICOTINE FIT.
SO, DON'T TELL ME THAT IT IS AGAINST THE RULES TO ADD WHATEVER ADDITIVES WE SO DESIRE TO OUR OWN PRODUCTS.
IF I SEE FIT TO --
THEN, WHAT? DENY, DENY, DENY.
SIR?
HE PUT ME ON HOLD. AMAZING.
SIR --?

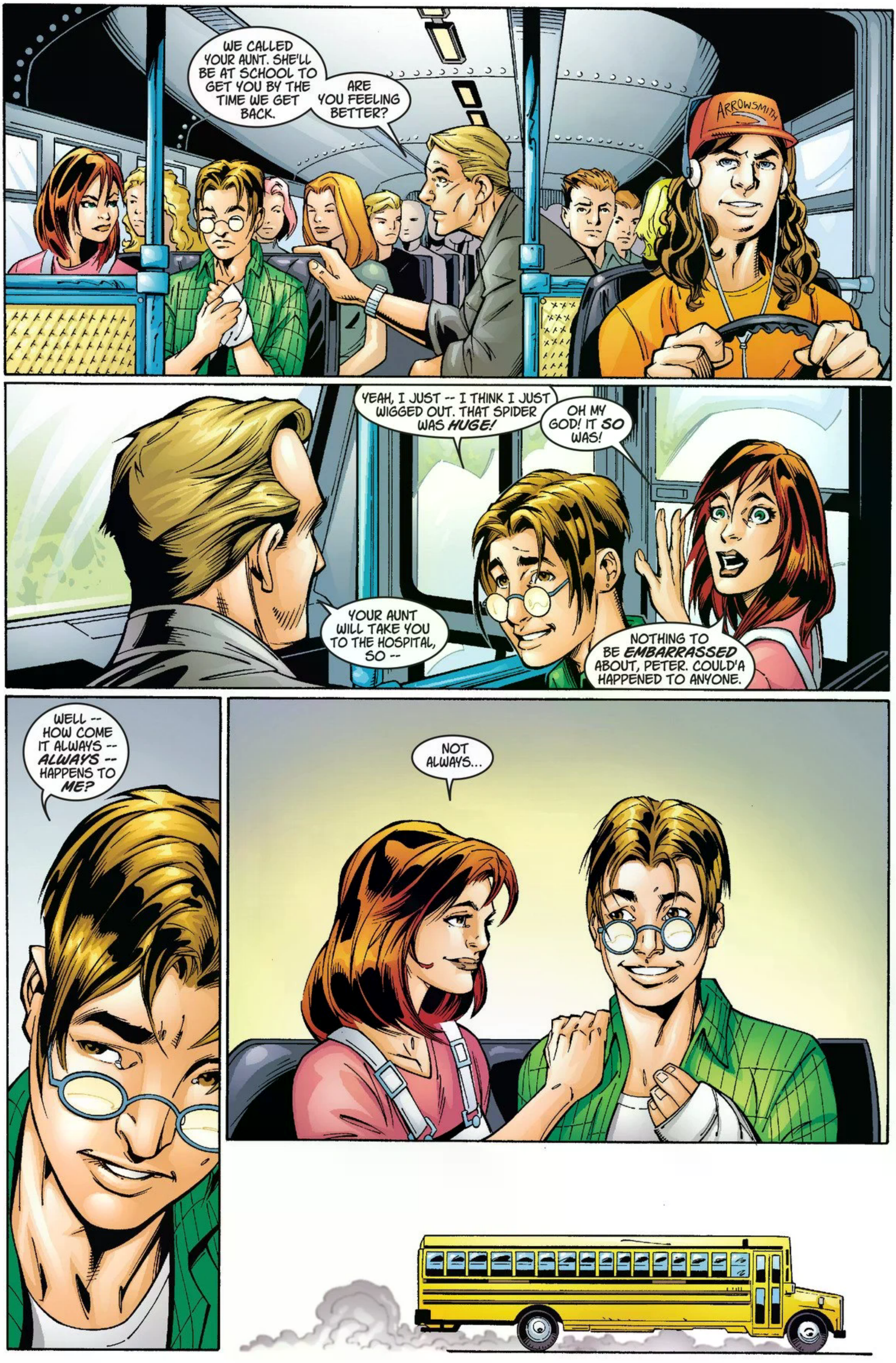
DAD, UH -- DO YOU REMEMBER THAT MY SCIENCE CLASS IS COMING TO VISIT THE *LABS* TOMORROW?
BECAUSE I WAS HOPING THAT YOU --?
MARTHA?!
MARTHA!
WILL YOU GET THIS KID *OUT* OF HERE?!
MARTHA!
HARRY, IT MIGHT BE TIME TO EXCUSE YOURSELF.
LIKE I HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BABY-SIT YOUR -- *JOE!*
SO LISTEN, LET'S START DOING SOME FIGURES.
JUST PUSH SOME NUMBERS. SEE HOW IT LOOKS.
GOOD BOY.

WELCOME, CHILDREN --
SINCE 1973 OSBORN INDUSTRIES, INC. HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO PROVIDING INNOVATIVE MATERIALS FOR MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION, AUTOMOTIVE, CHEMICAL PROCESSING AND NUMEROUS OTHER GLOBAL INDUSTRIES.
WE ARE A LEADING GLOBAL MANUFACTURER. OSBORN OPERATES --
-- ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND TEN MAJOR MANUFACTURING AND SEVEN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENTS FACILITIES WORLDWIDE.
WE MANUFACTURE AND PRODUCE CHEMICALLY ENGINEERED PRODUCTS WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON REPLACEMENTS OF EHS HAZARDOUS ACIDS AND SOLVENTS.
IF YOU FOLLOW ME DOWN THIS WAY, YOU WILL SEE...

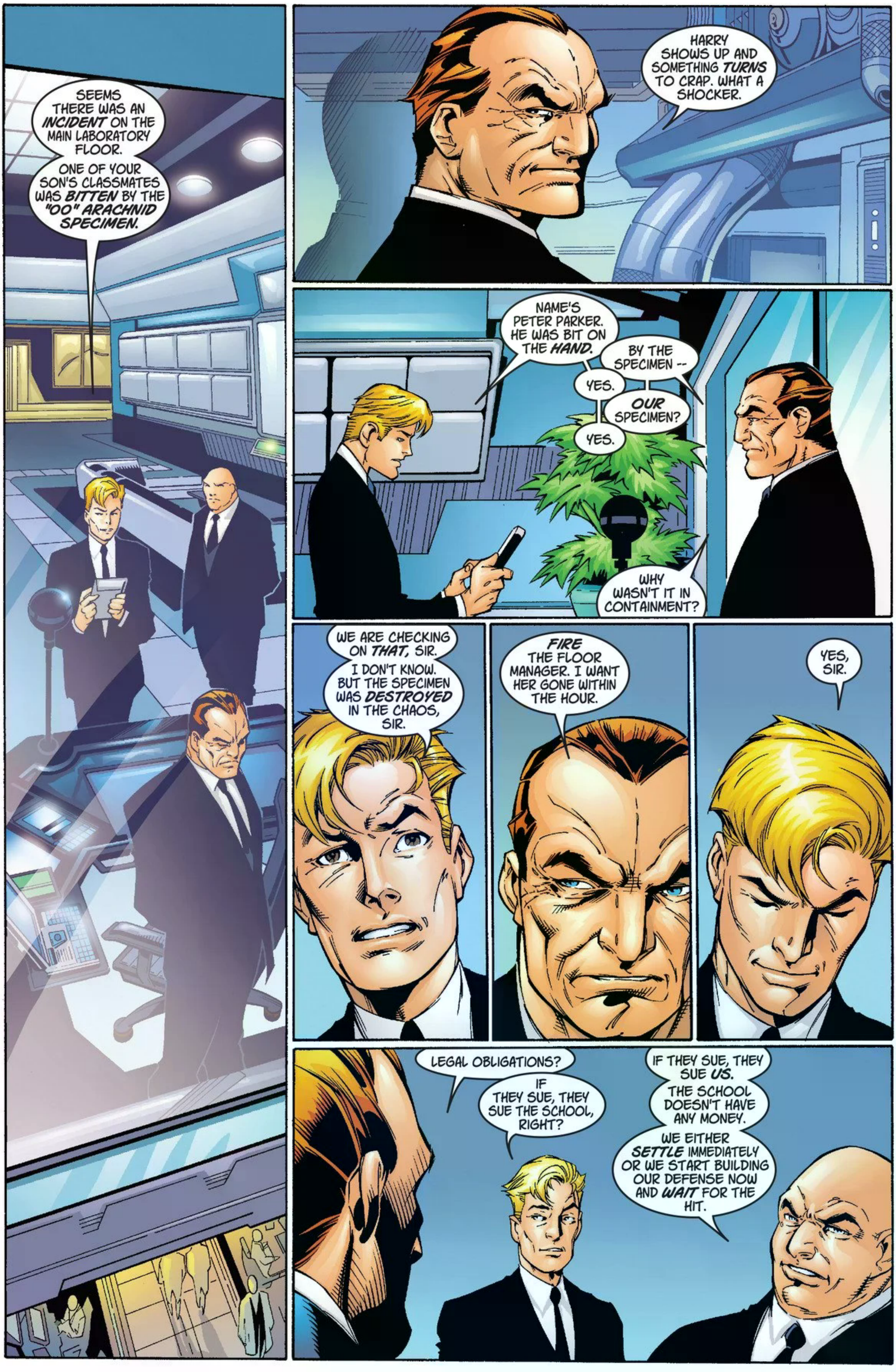
AAAAAH!
OH MY GOD!

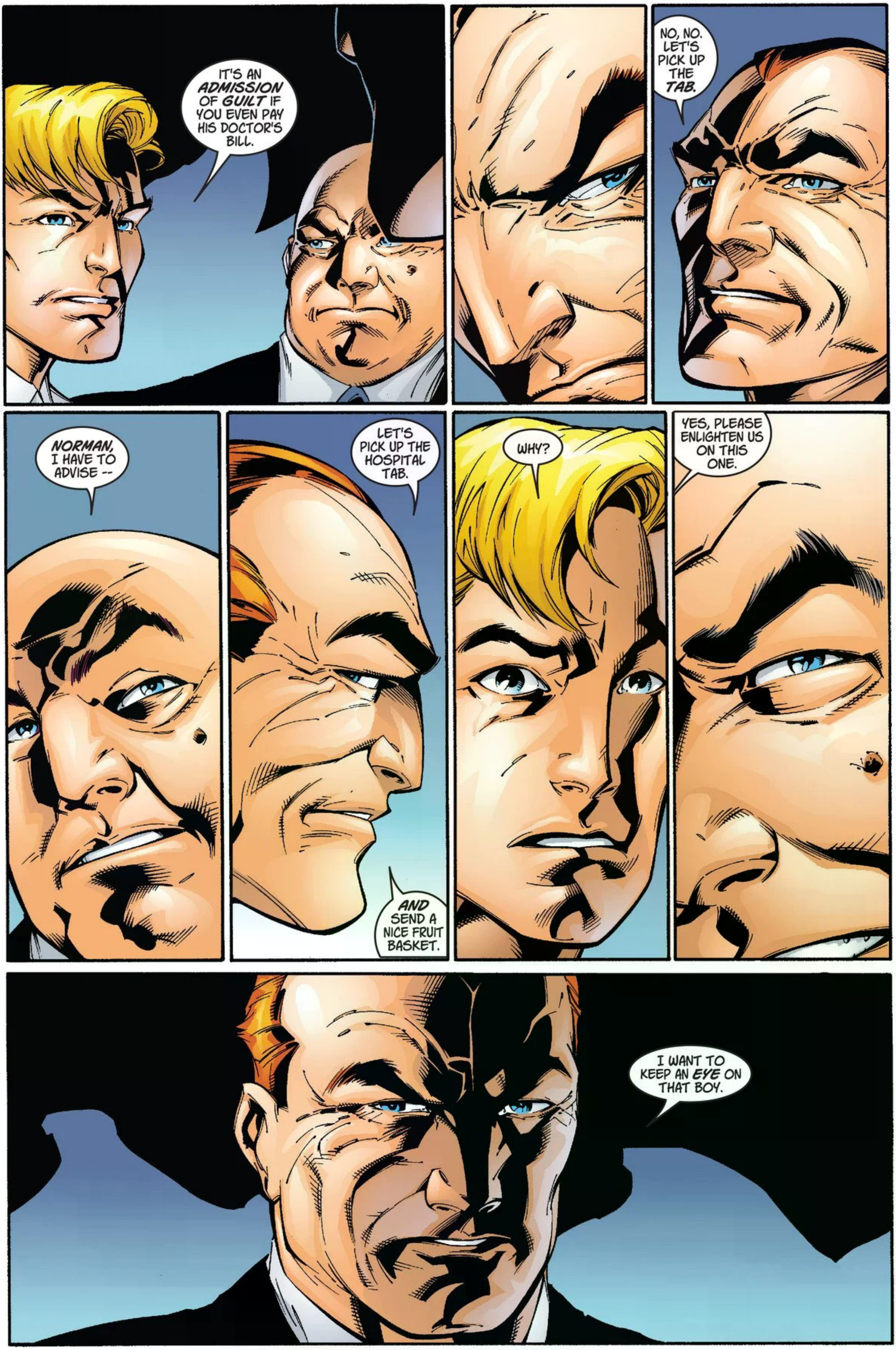
OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!
DIE!
SMUSSH
THE SPAZ IS FREAKIN'!
PETER!
HHUAGGH!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? PETER?
EVERYONE BACK!
GOD, PARKER!
EEEWW!
PETER?!

YO MAN! THAT WAS A BIG HONKIN' SPIDER!
PETER? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
PETER?
SEE HOW I KILLED THAT THING?!
ALRIGHT, KIDS. LET'S GET INTO A SINGLE FILE!
PARKER, CAN YOU STAND? WHAT IS IT, SON?
PETER... PLEASE, SAY SOMETHING!

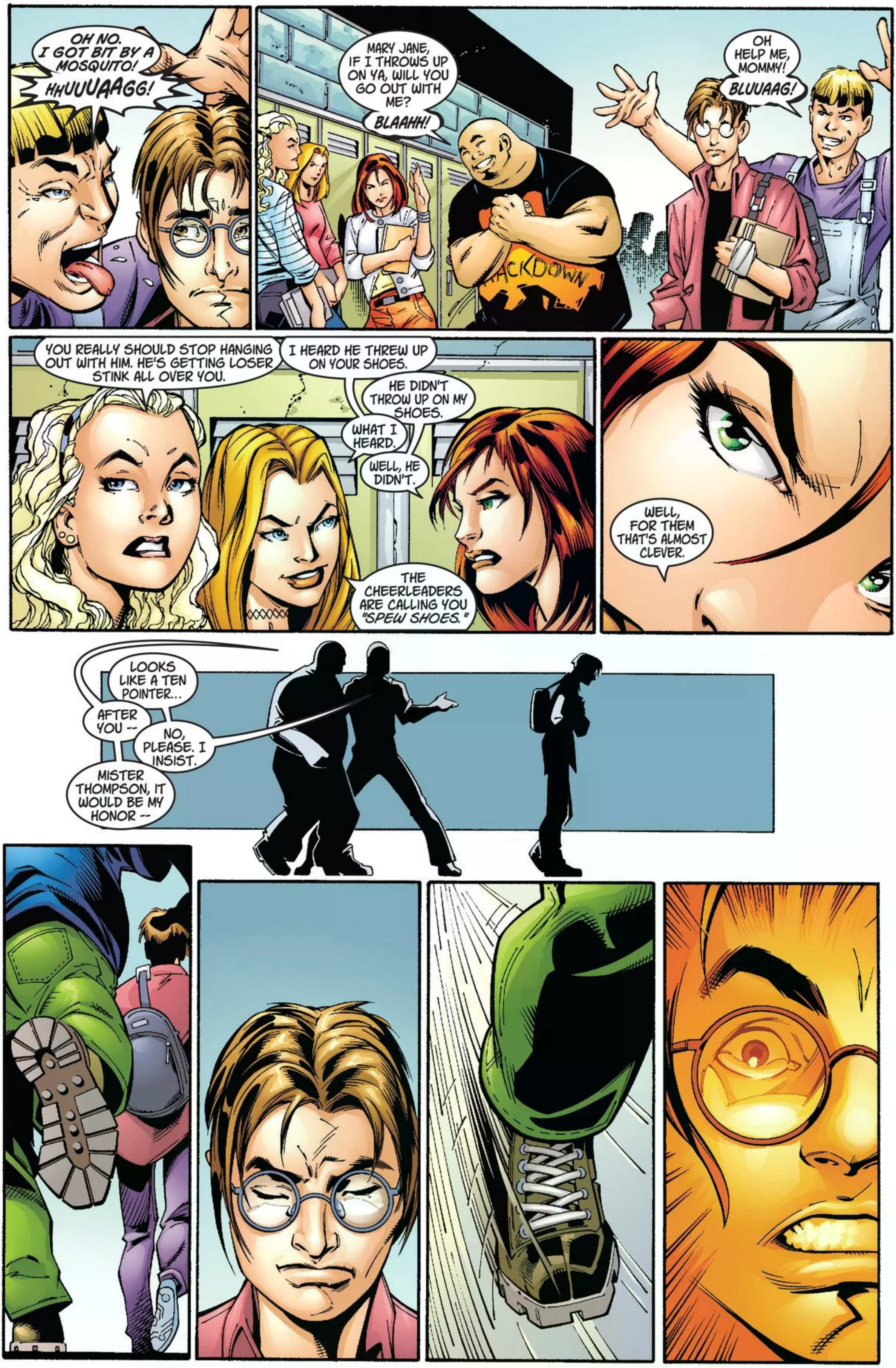


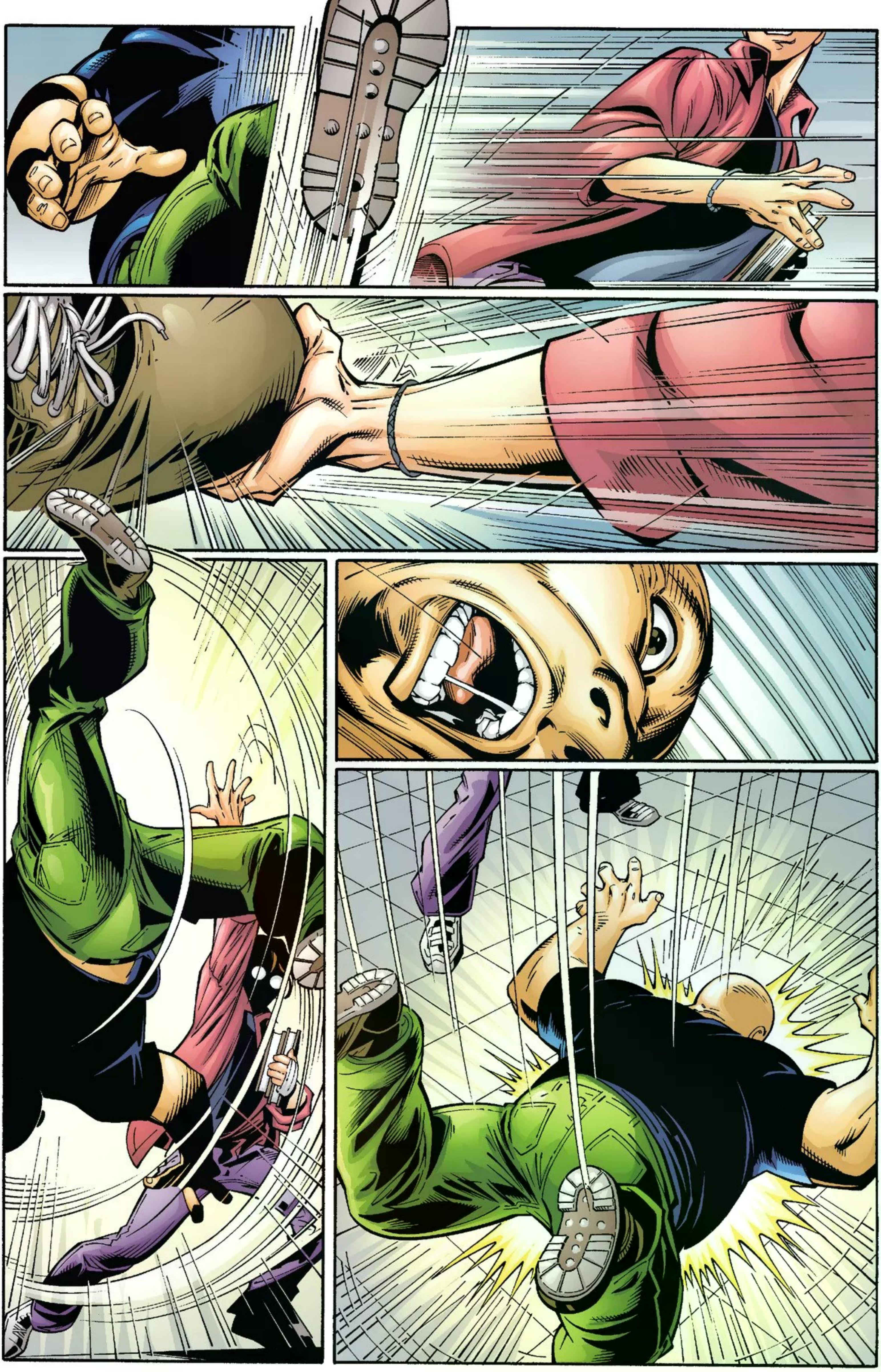
WE CALLED YOUR AUNT. SHE'LL BE AT SCHOOL TO GET YOU BY THE TIME WE GET BACK.
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
ARROWSMITH
YEAH, I JUST -- I THINK I JUST WIGGED OUT. THAT SPIDER WAS HUGE!
OH MY GOD! IT SO WAS!
YOUR AUNT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL, SO --
NOTHING TO BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT, PETER. COULD'A HAPPENED TO ANYONE.
WELL -- HOW COME IT ALWAYS -- ALWAYS -- HAPPENS TO ME?
NOT ALWAYS...


SEEMS THERE WAS AN *INCIDENT* ON THE MAIN LABORATORY FLOOR.
ONE OF YOUR SON'S CLASSMATES WAS *BITTEN* BY THE *"OO" ARACHNID SPECIMEN.*
HARRY SHOWS UP AND SOMETHING *TURNS* TO CRAP. WHAT A SHOCKER.
NAME'S PETER PARKER. HE WAS BIT ON THE *HAND.*
YES.
BY THE SPECIMEN --
OUR SPECIMEN?
YES.
WHY WASN'T IT IN CONTAINMENT?
WE ARE CHECKING ON *THAT,* SIR.
I DON'T KNOW. BUT THE SPECIMEN WAS *DESTROYED* IN THE CHAOS, SIR.
FIRE THE FLOOR MANAGER. I WANT HER GONE WITHIN THE HOUR.
YES, SIR.
LEGAL OBLIGATIONS?
IF THEY SUE, THEY SUE THE SCHOOL, RIGHT?
IF THEY SUE, THEY SUE *US.*
THE SCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
WE EITHER *SETTLE* IMMEDIATELY OR WE START BUILDING OUR DEFENSE NOW AND *WAIT* FOR THE HIT.


IT'S AN ADMISSION OF GUILT IF YOU EVEN PAY HIS DOCTOR'S BILL.
NO, NO. LET'S PICK UP THE TAB.
NORMAN, I HAVE TO ADVISE --
LET'S PICK UP THE HOSPITAL TAB.
AND SEND A NICE FRUIT BASKET.
WHY?
YES, PLEASE ENLIGHTEN US ON THIS ONE.
I WANT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THAT BOY.

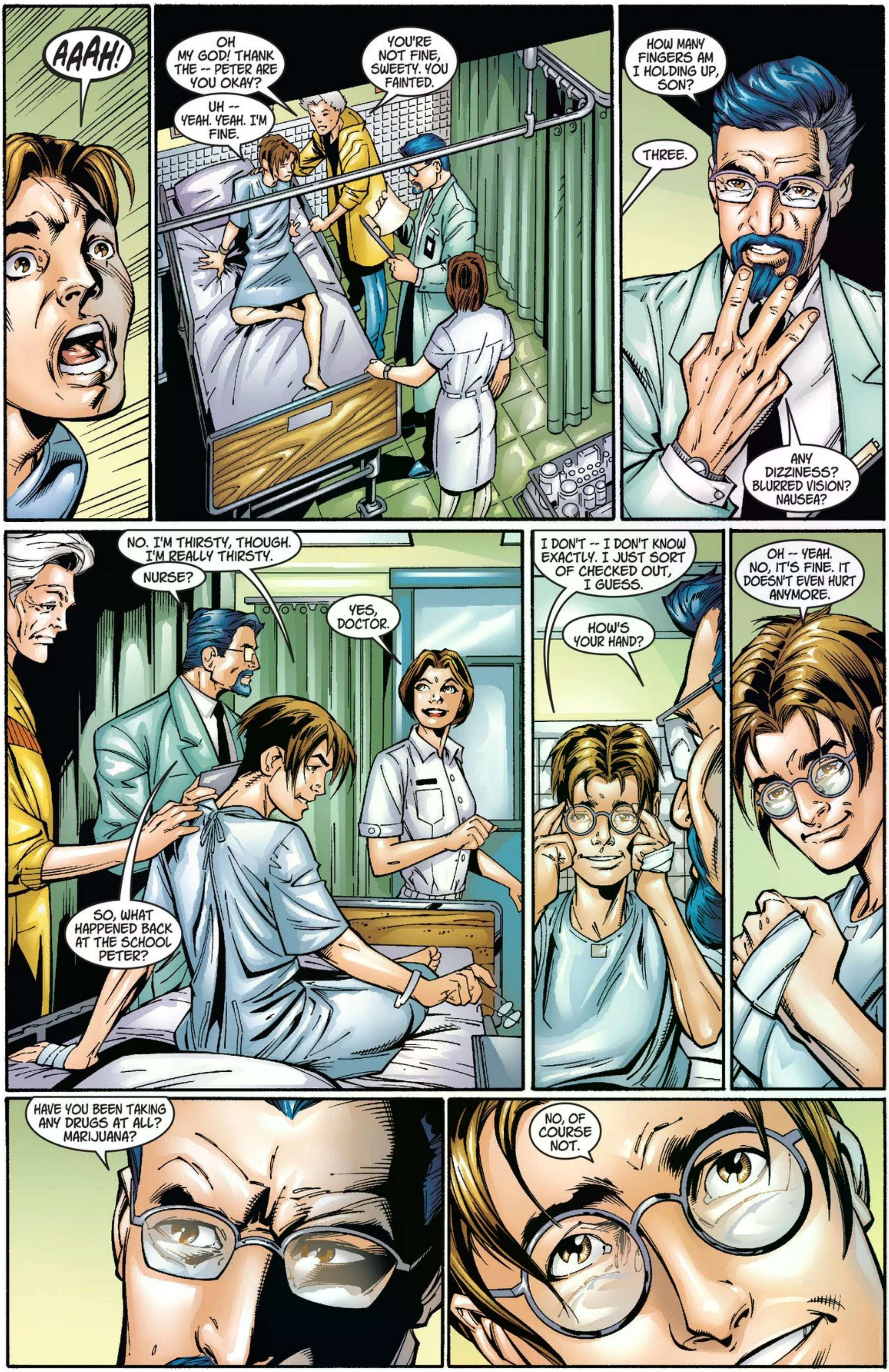
HE JUST CAME HOME AND PASSED OUT.
WELL MAY, HE HAD A DAY, IS ALL.
THE DOCTORS SAID HIS BLOOD IS NORMAL AND THAT THE SPIDER'S VENOM ISN'T TOXIC IN ANY WAY.
HE SAID IT'LL BE SWOLLEN FOR ABOUT A WEEK. AND THAT'S IT AND THAT'S THAT.
YEAH, I GOT BIT BY ONE IN THAT COMMUNE THE SUMMER BEFORE I MET YOU.
THE OSBORN PEOPLE PICKED UP THE HOSPITAL BILL AND SENT A HUGE BASKET.
OF COURSE THEY DID.
THEY THINK WE'RE GOING TO SUE THE PANTS OFF THEM.
ARE WE?
OF COURSE NOT.
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. NO HARM DONE.
AND, YOU KNOW, THERE'S HARRY -- MR. SLICK -- HE'S A PAL TO PETER. MAYBE HIS ONLY ONE.
WE'RE GOING TO RUIN THE KID'S FRIENDSHIP FOR A COUPLE OF BUCKS FROM HIS OLD MAN?
NO. NO, IT'S BACK TO NORMAL FOR US.

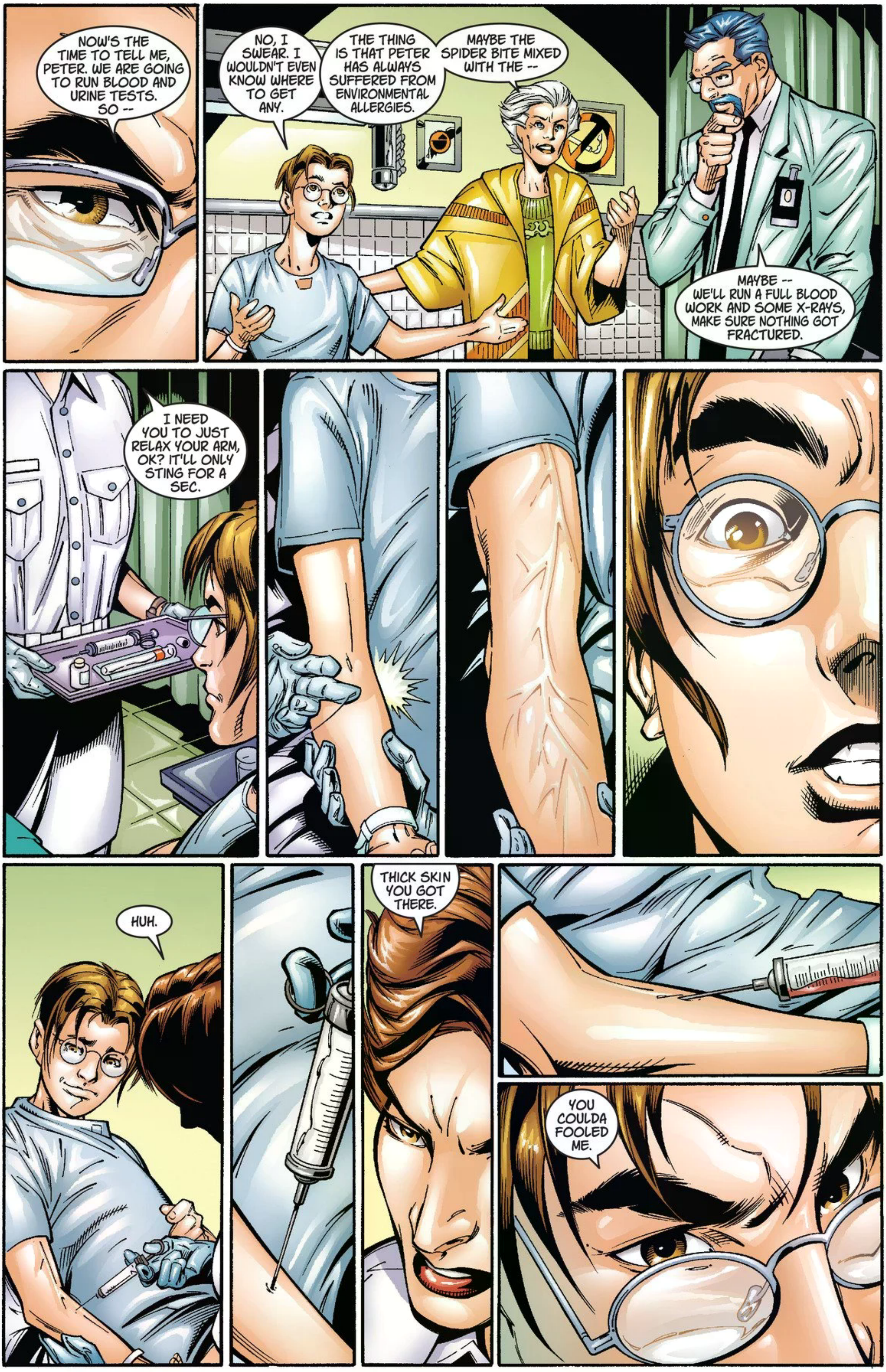

OH NO. I GOT BIT BY A MOSQUITO!
HHUUUAAGG!
MARY JANE, IF I THROWS UP ON YA, WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
BLAAHH!
OH HELP ME, MOMMY!
BLUUAAG!
YOU REALLY SHOULD STOP HANGING OUT WITH HIM. HE'S GETTING LOSER STINK ALL OVER YOU.
I HEARD HE THREW UP ON YOUR SHOES.
HE DIDN'T THROW UP ON MY SHOES.
WHAT I HEARD.
WELL, HE DIDN'T.
THE CHEERLEADERS ARE CALLING YOU "SPEW SHOES."
WELL, FOR THEM THAT'S ALMOST CLEVER.
LOOKS LIKE A TEN POINTER...
AFTER YOU --
NO, PLEASE. I INSIST.
MISTER THOMPSON, IT WOULD BE MY HONOR --



DUDE!
HOLY --
TURNER
PETER?
I --
I --
OW...

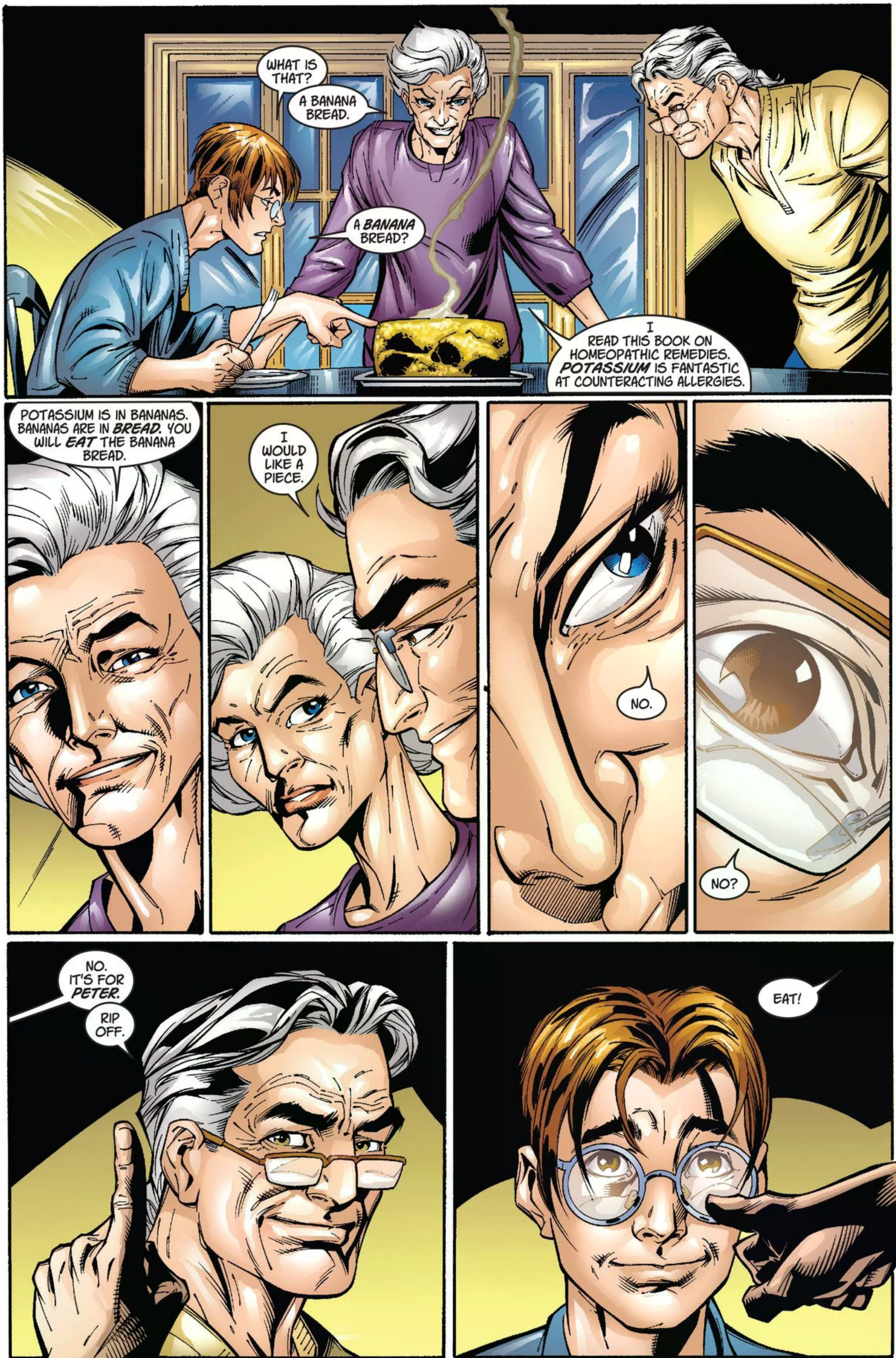
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
KONG -- HARLAN! HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU NEED TO BE WARNED?
W.W.F.
CKDOWN
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU THINK YOU --
PETER! PETER, ARE YOU OKAY, SON?
OH NO! NOT AGAIN!
EVERYBODY BACK!


AAAH!
OH MY GOD! THANK THE -- PETER ARE YOU OKAY?
UH -- YEAH. YEAH. I'M FINE.
YOU'RE NOT FINE, SWEETY. YOU FAINTED.
HOW MANY FINGERS AM I HOLDING UP, SON?
THREE.
ANY DIZZINESS? BLURRED VISION? NAUSEA?
NO. I'M THIRSTY, THOUGH. I'M REALLY THIRSTY.
NURSE?
YES, DOCTOR.
SO, WHAT HAPPENED BACK AT THE SCHOOL PETER?
I DON'T -- I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY. I JUST SORT OF CHECKED OUT, I GUESS.
HOW'S YOUR HAND?
OH -- YEAH. NO, IT'S FINE. IT DOESN'T EVEN HURT ANYMORE.
HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING ANY DRUGS AT ALL? MARIJUANA?
NO, OF COURSE NOT.


NOW'S THE TIME TO TELL ME, PETER. WE ARE GOING TO RUN BLOOD AND URINE TESTS. SO --
NO, I SWEAR. I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO GET ANY.
THE THING IS THAT PETER HAS ALWAYS SUFFERED FROM ENVIRONMENTAL ALLERGIES.
MAYBE THE SPIDER BITE MIXED WITH THE --
MAYBE -- WE'LL RUN A FULL BLOOD WORK AND SOME X-RAYS, MAKE SURE NOTHING GOT FRACTURED.
I NEED YOU TO JUST RELAX YOUR ARM, OK? IT'LL ONLY STING FOR A SEC.
HUH.
THICK SKIN YOU GOT THERE.
YOU COULDA FOOLED ME.

HI, COULD YOU TAKE THIS TO THE LAB AND HAVE THEM DO AN EXPRESS ON THIS ONE?
THEY'RE WAITING. HE'S A CUTE KID.
THANKS.
WHATEVER.

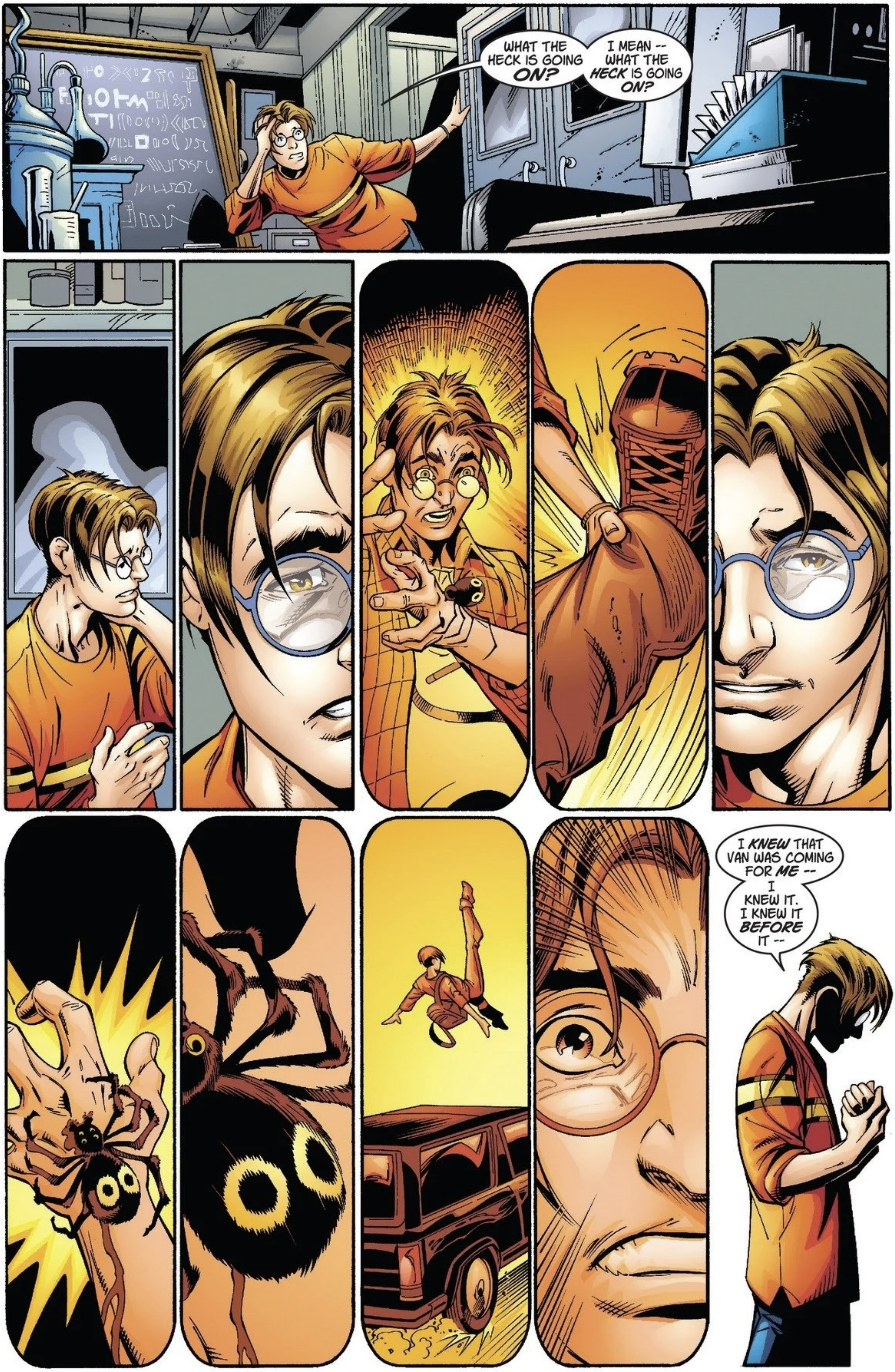
SIR?
THE OZ, IT'S KILLING HIM.
HOW?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW, DO I?!!
THEY'LL TRACE IT BACK TO THE LAB.
YES.
SET THE PROJECT BACK. MAYBE FOREVER.
YES.
HOW LONG DOES HE HAVE?
NOT LONG.
SO, HE'S GOING TO DIE --
YES.
SO, NO MATTER WHAT, HE'S GOING TO DIE?
SHAW?
TAKEN CARE OF, SIR.

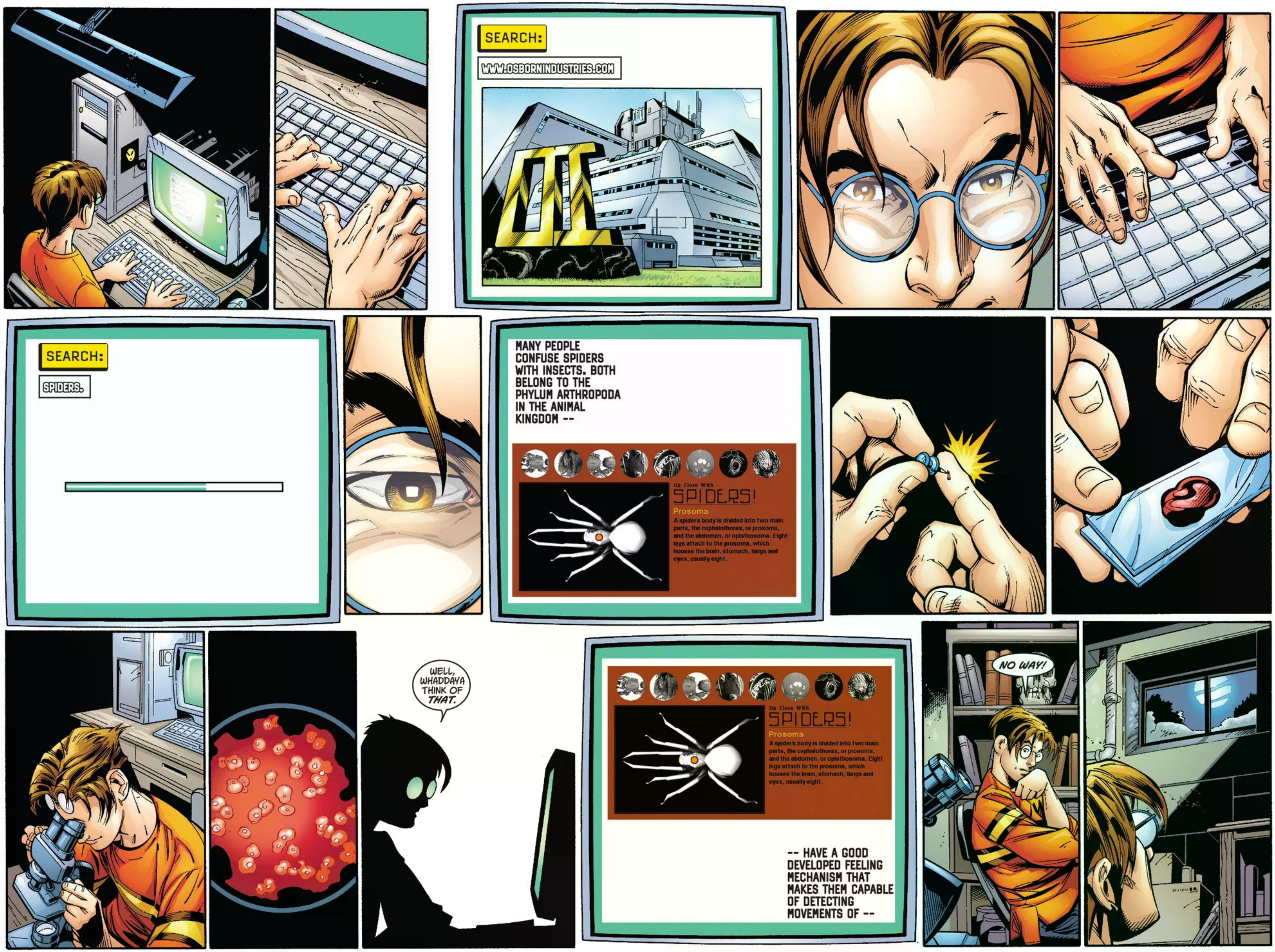

WHAT IS THAT?
A BANANA BREAD.
A BANANA BREAD?
I READ THIS BOOK ON HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES. POTASSIUM IS FANTASTIC AT COUNTERACTING ALLERGIES.
POTASSIUM IS IN BANANAS. BANANAS ARE IN BREAD. YOU WILL EAT THE BANANA BREAD.
I WOULD LIKE A PIECE.
NO.
NO?
NO. IT'S FOR PETER.
RIP OFF.
EAT!

I HAVE A VISUAL.
GREEN LIGHT, SHAW. GREEN LIGHT.
MAKE SURE IT'S DONE.

MISTER! OH, MY GOD! ARE YOU OK?!

REPORT.
SIR? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS, BUT --
SIR?
ABORT.
ARE YOU SURE, SIR?
I CAN GO TO HIS HOME AND --
ABORT!
I WANT TO STUDY THAT KID -- NOT KILL HIM!


WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?
I MEAN -- WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?
I KNEW THAT VAN WAS COMING FOR ME --
I KNEW IT. I KNEW IT BEFORE IT --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SPIDERS.
MANY PEOPLE CONFUSE SPIDERS WITH INSECTS. BOTH BELONG TO THE PHYLUM ARTHROPODA IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM --
Up Close With SPIDERS!
Prosoma
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WELL, WHADDAYA THINK OF THAT.
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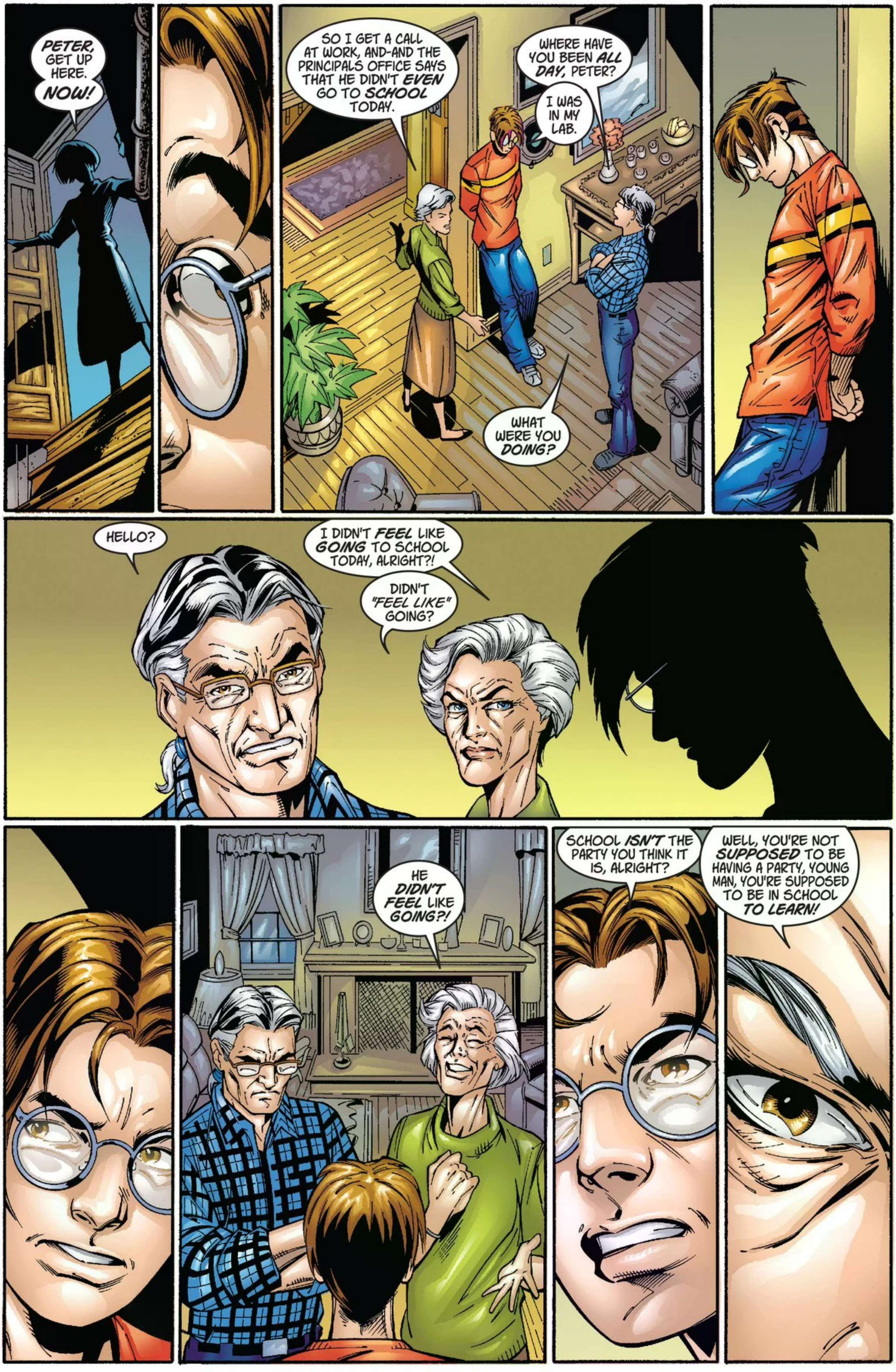
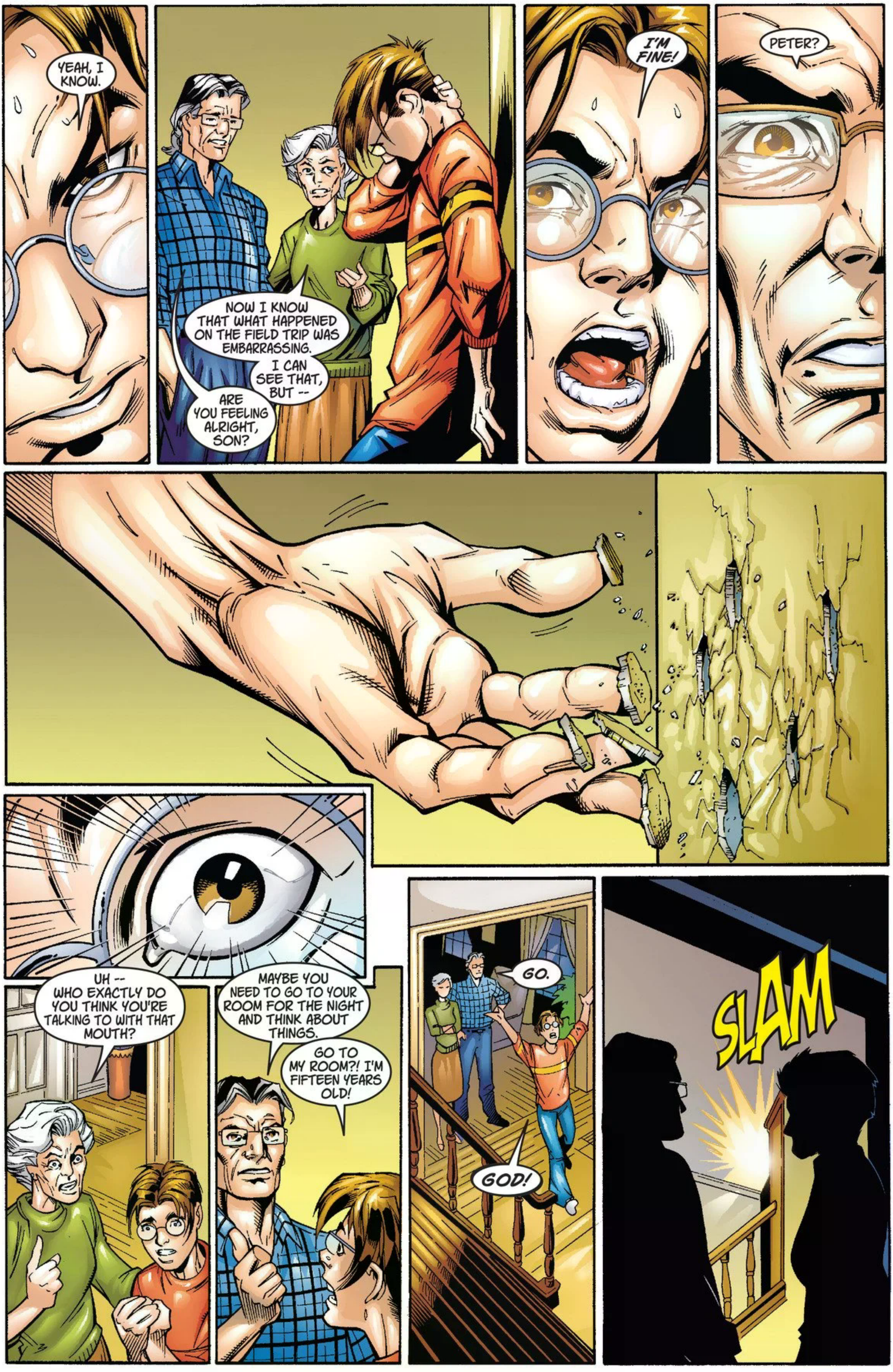
-- HAVE A GOOD DEVELOPED FEELING MECHANISM THAT MAKES THEM CAPABLE OF DETECTING MOVEMENTS OF --
NO WAY!



PETER, GET UP HERE. NOW!
SO I GET A CALL AT WORK, AND-AND THE PRINCIPALS OFFICE SAYS THAT HE DIDN'T EVEN GO TO SCHOOL TODAY.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL DAY, PETER?
I WAS IN MY LAB.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
HELLO?
I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO SCHOOL TODAY, ALRIGHT?!
DIDN'T "FEEL LIKE" GOING?
HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE GOING?!
SCHOOL ISN'T THE PARTY YOU THINK IT IS, ALRIGHT?
WELL, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HAVING A PARTY, YOUNG MAN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN SCHOOL TO LEARN!


YEAH, I KNOW.
NOW I KNOW THAT WHAT HAPPENED ON THE FIELD TRIP WAS EMBARRASSING.
I CAN SEE THAT, BUT --
ARE YOU FEELING ALRIGHT, SON?
I'M FINE!
PETER?
UH -- WHO EXACTLY DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO WITH THAT MOUTH?
MAYBE YOU NEED TO GO TO YOUR ROOM FOR THE NIGHT AND THINK ABOUT THINGS.
GO TO MY ROOM?! I'M FIFTEEN YEARS OLD!
GO.
GOD!
SLAM

KID HAD A TOUGH WEEK.
I KNOW.
THIS TOO SHALL PASS.
I KNOW.
MAYBE I'LL BRING HIM SOME BANANA BREAD LATER.
PUTTING HIM IN HIS ROOM IS PUNISHMENT ENOUGH.
A SCATILO GUIDE TO ENTIMOLO
AAAH!
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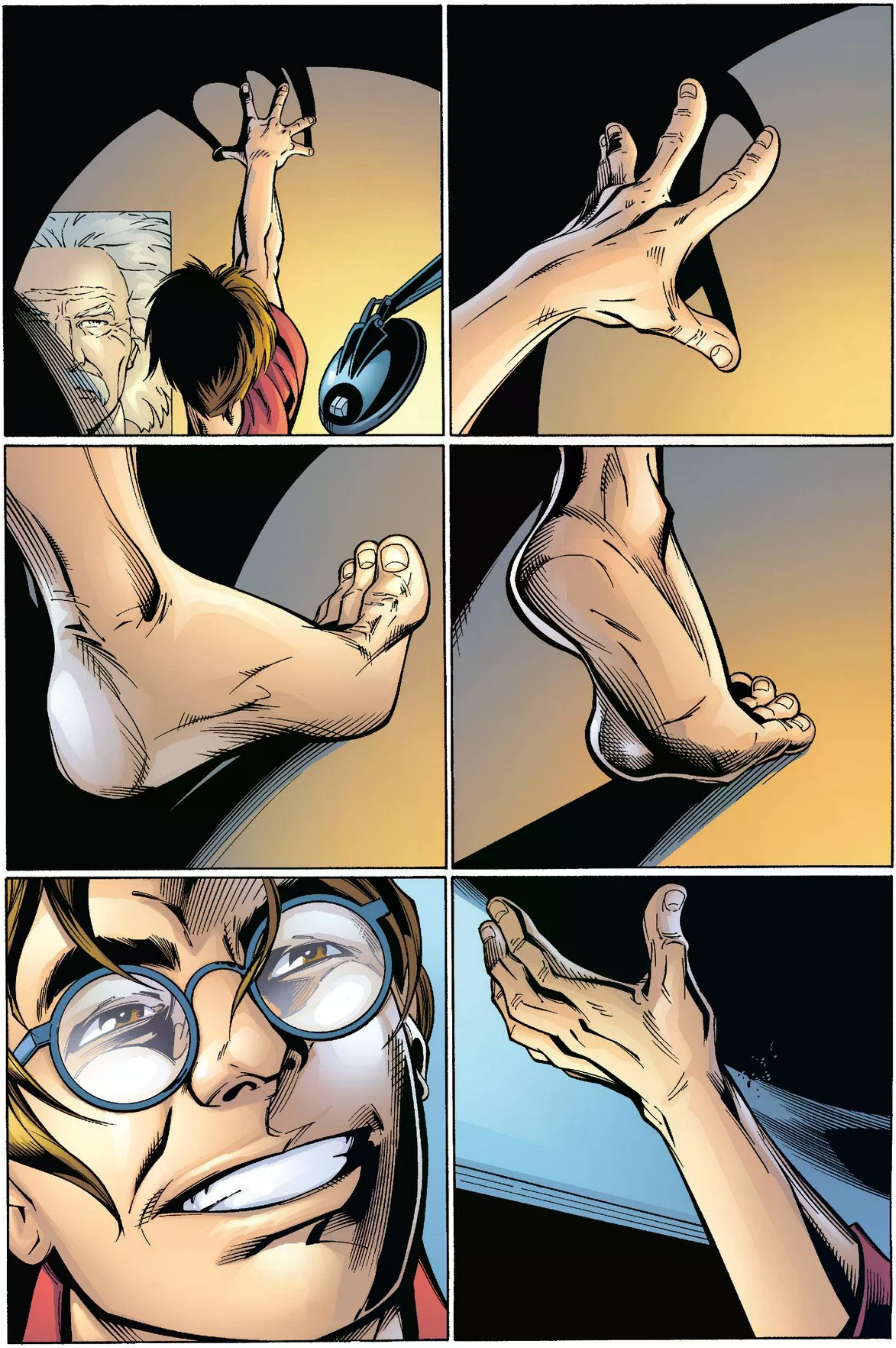
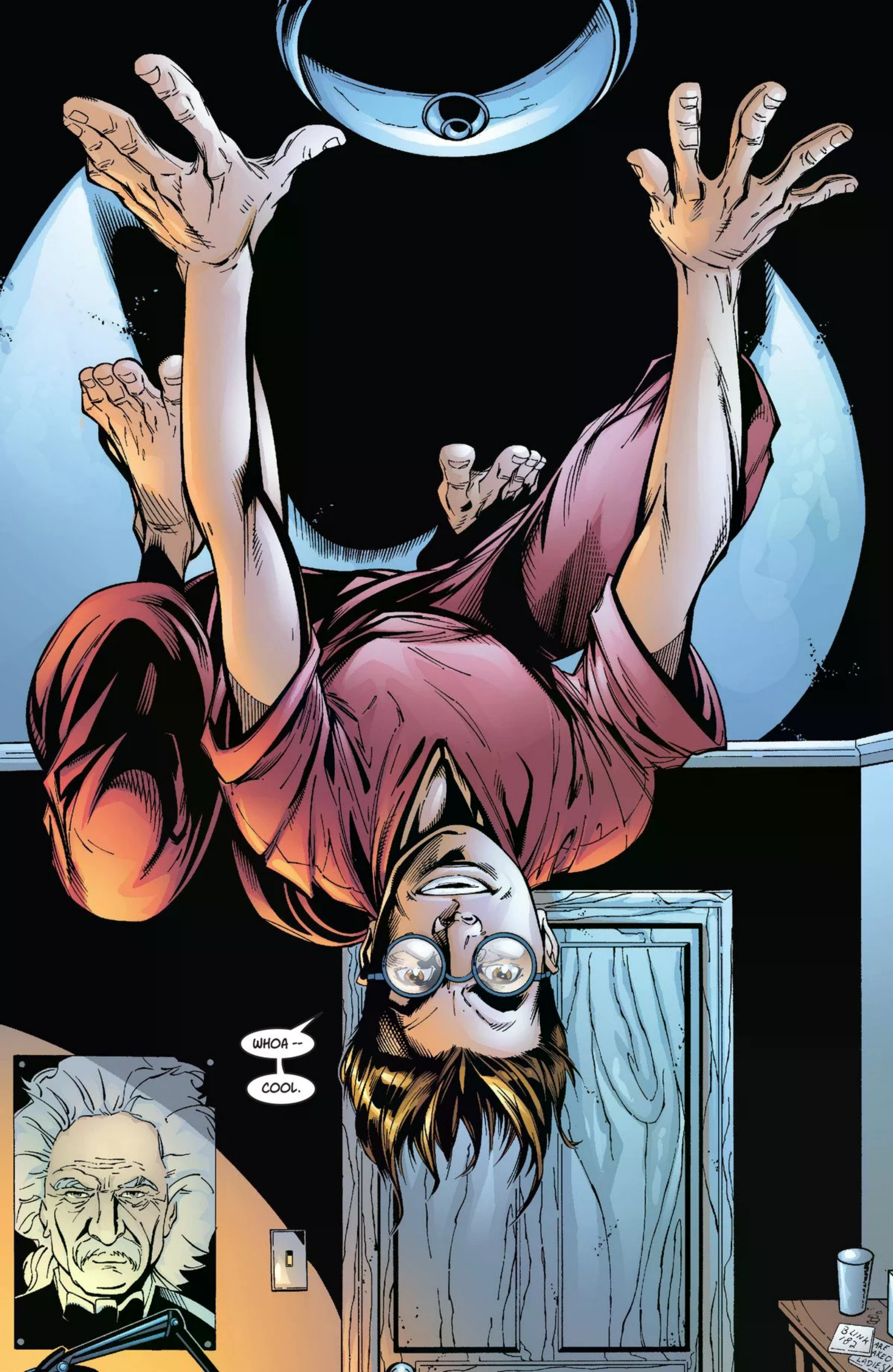
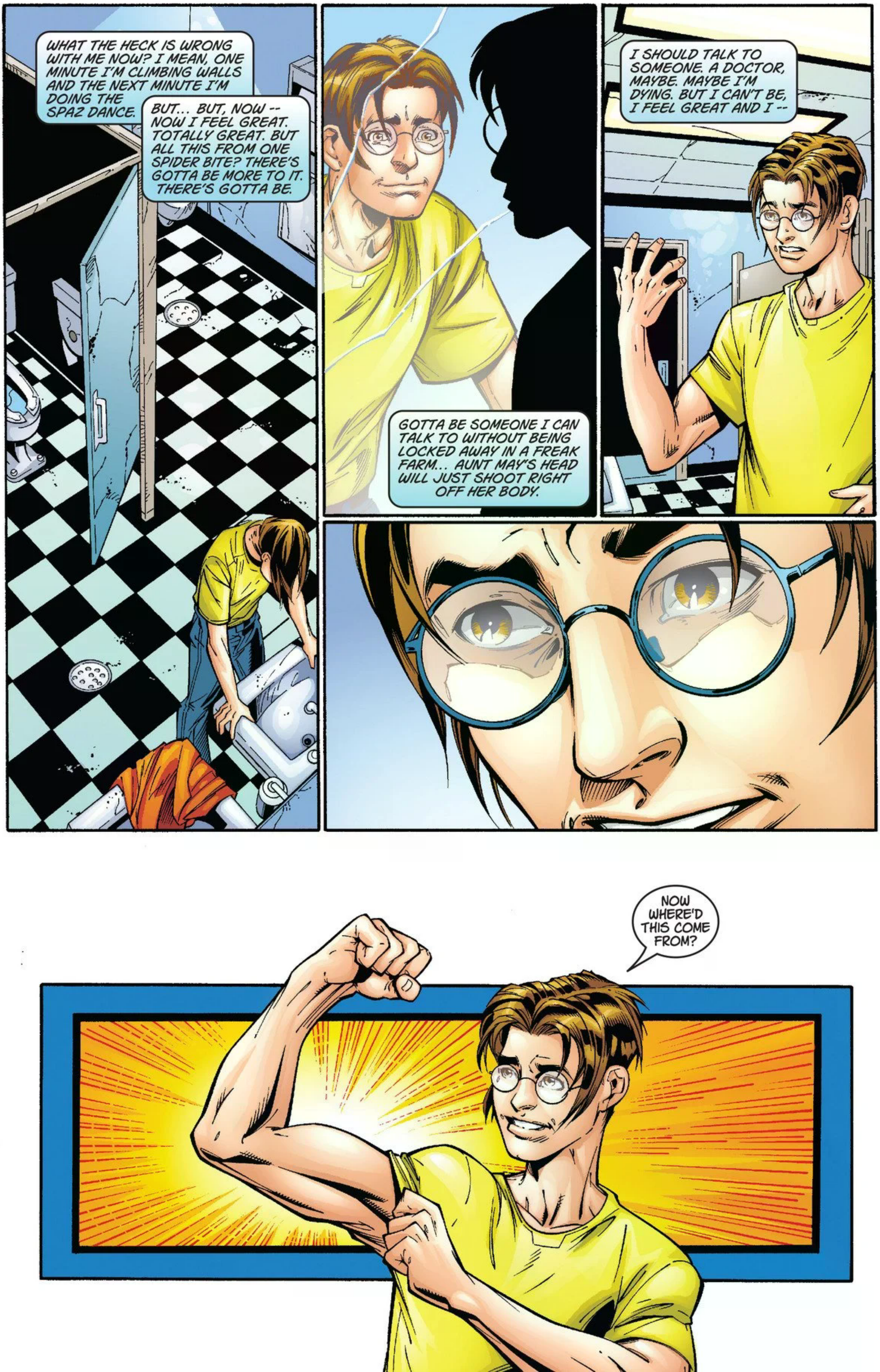


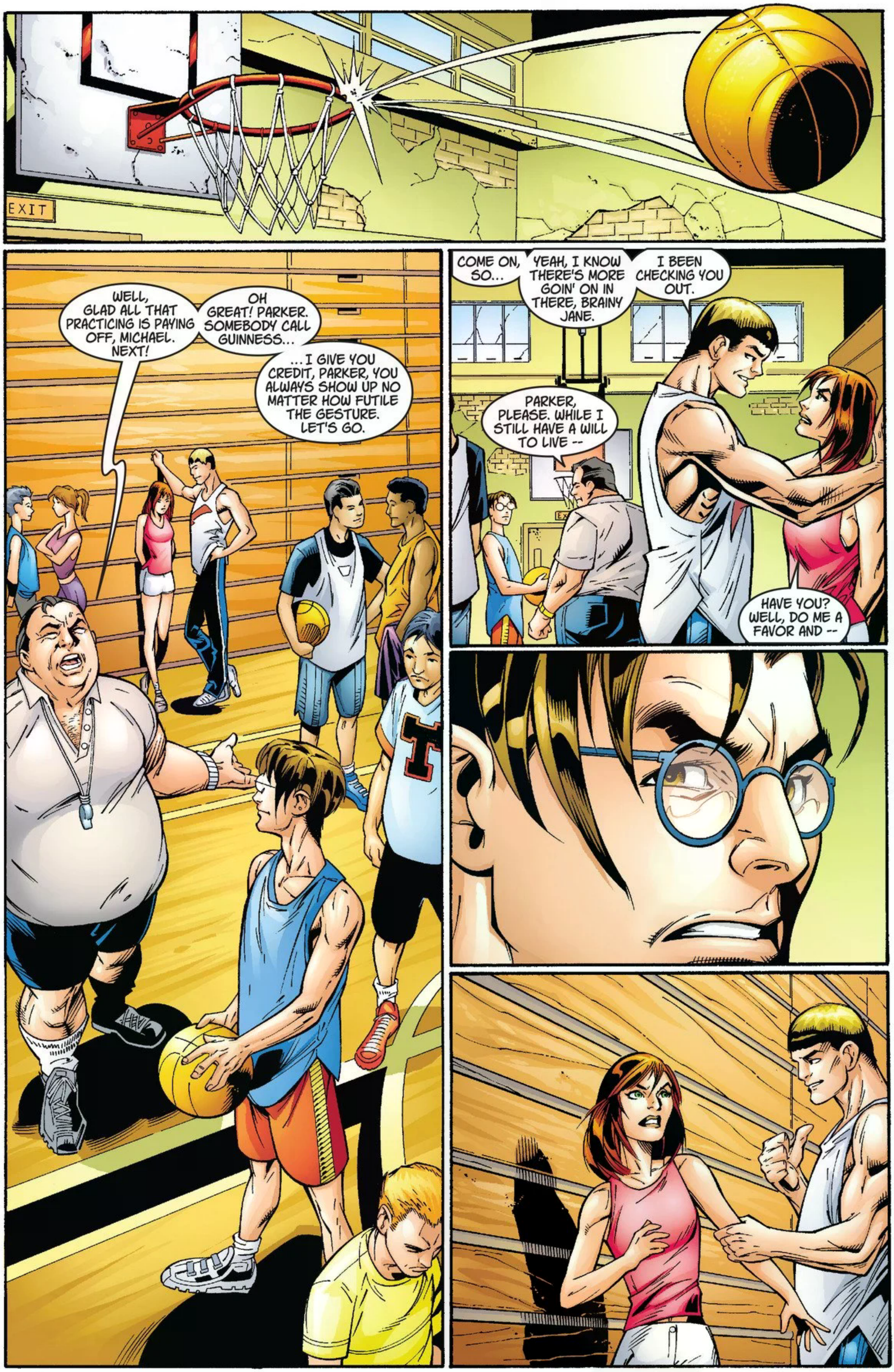

WHOA --
COOL.

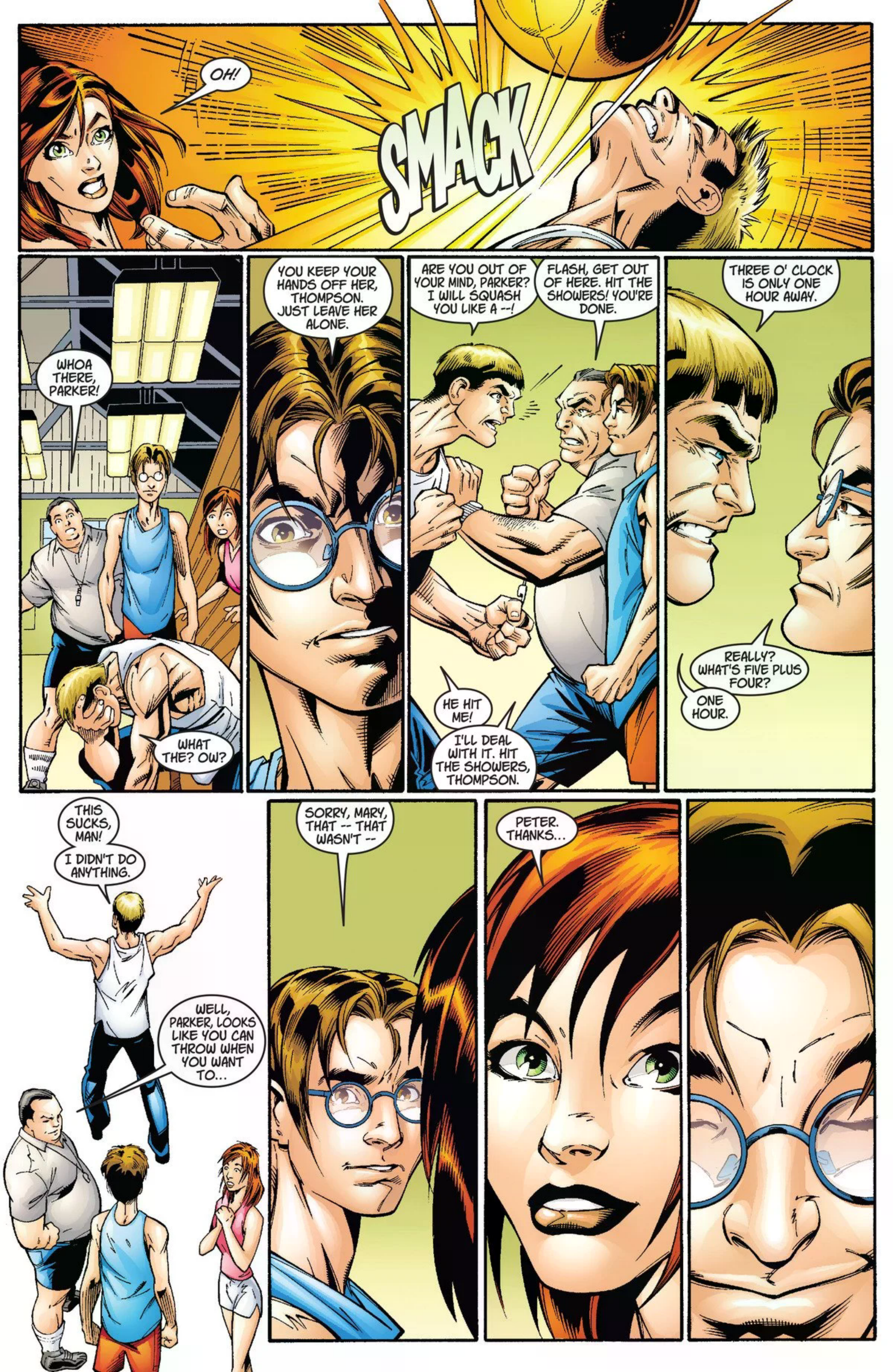
IN 1930, THE REPUBLICANS CONTROLLED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN AN EFFORT TO ELEVATE THE EFFECTS OF THE... ANYONE? ANYONE?
THE GREAT DEPRESSION.
PASSED THE...? ANYONE? ANYONE?
THE TARIFF BILL. THE SMOOT-HAWLEY TARIFF ACT.
WHASS LEARN IS
ANYONE? RAISED OR LOWERED? RAISED TARIFFS. IN ORDER TO COLLECT MORE REVENUE FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
ANYONE KNOW THE EFFECTS? IT DID NOT WORK AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SANK DEEPER INTO THE GREAT DEPRESSION.
TODAY WE HAVE A SIMILAR DEBATE OVER THIS: ANYONE? ANYONE KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
ANYONE? ANYONE?
ANYONE SEEN THIS BEFORE? THE LAFFER ACT. ANYONE KNOW WHAT THIS SAYS?
IT SAYS THAT AT THIS POINT ON THE REVENUE CURVE YOU WILL GET EXACTLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF REVENUE AS THIS POINT.
THIS IS VERY CONTROVERSIAL. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT VICE PRESIDENT BUSH CALLED THIS IN 1980?
ANYONE? SOMETHING D-O-O ECONOMICS.
VOODOO ECONOMICS.

GROWING PAINS
KRAK

PARKER...?
OH! HA HA HAH! OH MY GOD! YOU ARE THE HUGEST SPAZOID!
"AND FOR MY NEXT TRICK -- I SHALL ACTUALLY TRIP WHILE SITTING DOWN."
HEY! HOW ABOUT YOU SHUT THAT STUPID FACE OF YOURS OR I'LL SHUT IT FOR YOU!
HA HA HA HA OH MAN --
DID HE JUST --? NO. HA HA HA HA HAH!
OKAY. THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH. PETER, PLEASE.
JUST -- JUST GO COOL OFF AND SEE IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANOTHER DESK.
HEEHEE, MAN, HE IS CONSTANTLY ENTERTAINING.
THAT'S ABOUT ENOUGH, THOMPSON.
YO! HE ALMOST KICKED YOUR BUTT.
GUYS!
I KNOW -- I'M -- I'M SO VERY FRIGHTENED --
THAT'S IT, THOMPSON: DETENTION!
WHAT? WHY? WHAT'D I DO?


WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH ME NOW? I MEAN, ONE MINUTE I'M CLIMBING WALLS AND THE NEXT MINUTE I'M DOING THE SPAZ DANCE.
BUT... BUT, NOW -- NOW I FEEL GREAT. TOTALLY GREAT. BUT ALL THIS FROM ONE SPIDER BITE? THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE TO IT. THERE'S GOTTA BE.
GOTTA BE SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO WITHOUT BEING LOCKED AWAY IN A FREAK FARM... AUNT MAY'S HEAD WILL JUST SHOOT RIGHT OFF HER BODY.
I SHOULD TALK TO SOMEONE. A DOCTOR, MAYBE. MAYBE I'M DYING. BUT I CAN'T BE, I FEEL GREAT AND I --
NOW WHERE'D THIS COME FROM?


EXIT
WELL, GLAD ALL THAT PRACTICING IS PAYING OFF, MICHAEL. NEXT!
OH GREAT! PARKER. SOMEBODY CALL GUINNESS...
...I GIVE YOU CREDIT, PARKER, YOU ALWAYS SHOW UP NO MATTER HOW FUTILE THE GESTURE. LET'S GO.
COME ON, SO...
YEAH, I KNOW THERE'S MORE GOIN' ON IN THERE, BRAINY JANE.
I BEEN CHECKING YOU OUT.
PARKER, PLEASE. WHILE I STILL HAVE A WILL TO LIVE --
HAVE YOU? WELL, DO ME A FAVOR AND --



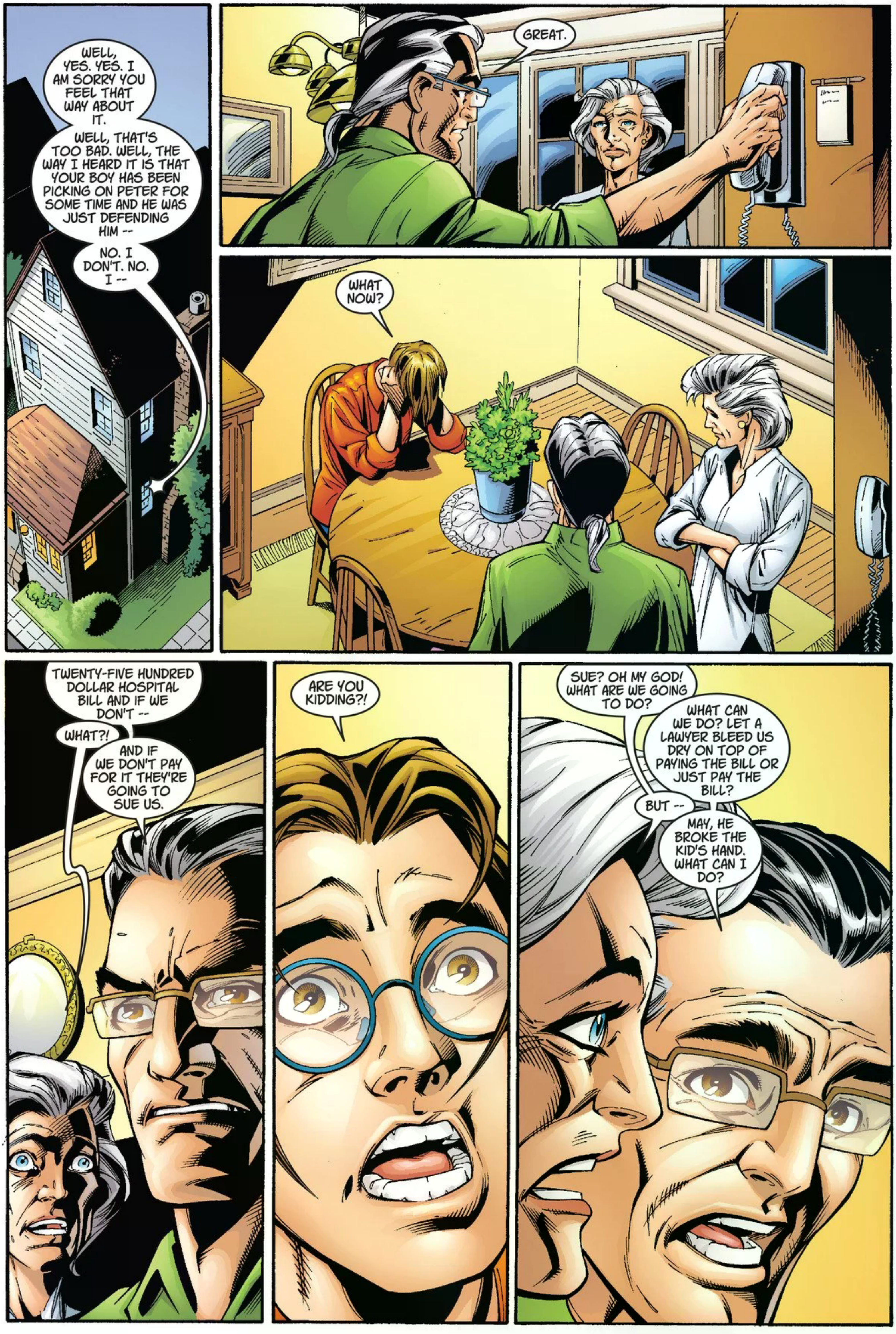
OH!
SMACK
WHOA THERE, PARKER!
WHAT THE? OW?
YOU KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF HER, THOMPSON. JUST LEAVE HER ALONE.
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND, PARKER? I WILL SQUASH YOU LIKE A --!
FLASH, GET OUT OF HERE. HIT THE SHOWERS! YOU'RE DONE.
HE HIT ME!
I'LL DEAL WITH IT. HIT THE SHOWERS, THOMPSON.
THREE O' CLOCK IS ONLY ONE HOUR AWAY.
REALLY? WHAT'S FIVE PLUS FOUR?
ONE HOUR.
THIS SUCKS, MAN!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
WELL, PARKER, LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN THROW WHEN YOU WANT TO...
SORRY, MARY, THAT -- THAT WASN'T --
PETER. THANKS...

NUUUGHH!
COME ON, FLASH, BRING ON THE PAIN!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, PARKER? HUH?
WHAT DID I SAY? I SAID I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT.
GOTTA GET UP IN MY BUSINESS?
BEAT HIS BUTT!
UUGGHHNN...

I'M SERIOUS, FLASH, I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU...
WELL, YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU --
CRRRRKK
NNGG... AAHH!
OH GOD! OH NO... GGLLG... MY HAND...
I -- I TOLD HIM -- I SAID... I DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT.
AAAHH!

YO! YOU SHOULDA SEEN IT. FLASH IS ALL READY TO BREAK OUT THE CAN ON PARKER AND WHAT HAPPENS... PARKER BREAKS HIS HAND.
WAIT, WHAT?
PARKER BREAKS FLASH'S HAND.
PARKER BREAKS FLASH'S HAND?
HE JUST BROKE IT AND SAID: WHAT HE SAY? "NEXT TIME, I'M GONNA KILL YOU!"
HE SAID THAT?
YEAH, SAID IT WAS PAYBACK TIME AND ALL THAT.
WOW. BROKE HIS HAND.
YEAH, IT WAS ALL MANGLED LIKE THIS. DUDE WENT TO THE ER.
GUESS HE'S OUT OF THE LEAGUE.
NO DOUBT. LESS HE CAN LEARN TO DRIBBLE WITH HIS NOSE.
WOW, PETER BEAT UP, FLASH.
LAID THE SMACK DOWN!
HUH.
THAT GUY IS LIKE A SCARY ALIEN FREAK, MAN.
WHO?
PARKER, FIRST, WHAT?, LIKE HE DOESN'T SAY TWO WORDS ALL YEAR. NUTHIN'. JUST ALL IN FULL-GEEK MODE, RIGHT?
THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN HE'S ALL -- HE'S ALL BREAKIN' HIS DESK IN HALF, THEN HE'S ALL UP IN OUR FACE. THEN HE'S ALL SMACKIN' FLASH DOWN.
YOU GUYS SHOULD LAY OFF HIM ANYHOW. I ALWAYS SAID IT.
YEAH, YOU DID.
HARRY, COME HERE.

HARRY, ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH THAT PARKER KID?
THE ONE WHO HAD THE ACCIDENT ON THE FIELD TRIP?
WITH THE SPIDER? UH -- YEAH. WE DO SCIENCE TOGETHER. LAB PARTNERS.
BUT -- DAD -- Y'KNOW, HIS FAMILY ARE -- THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY A NEW SPIDER OR --
NO. I WANT YOU TO BRING THE BOY TO THE LAB AFTER SCHOOL TOMORROW.
I FEEL BAD FOR WHAT HAPPENED AND I THOUGHT I'D MAKE IT UP TO HIM -- GIVE HIM A PERSONAL TOUR. DO YOU THINK HE'D LIKE THAT?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? UH -- YEAH. HE'D LOVE THAT. HE'D -- YEAH.
GOOD, SEE YOU KIDS AFTER SCHOOL.
OKAY.


WELL, YES. YES. I AM SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT IT.
WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD. WELL, THE WAY I HEARD IT IS THAT YOUR BOY HAS BEEN PICKING ON PETER FOR SOME TIME AND HE WAS JUST DEFENDING HIM --
NO. I DON'T. NO. I --
GREAT.
WHAT NOW?
TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR HOSPITAL BILL AND IF WE DON'T --
WHAT?!
AND IF WE DON'T PAY FOR IT THEY'RE GOING TO SUE US.
ARE YOU KIDDING?!
SUE? OH MY GOD! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
WHAT CAN WE DO? LET A LAWYER BLEED US DRY ON TOP OF PAYING THE BILL OR JUST PAY THE BILL?
BUT --
MAY, HE BROKE THE KID'S HAND. WHAT CAN I DO?

PETER, THIS IS NOT THE WAY YOU WERE RAISED. THIS IS NOT HOW HUMAN BEINGS BEHAVE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I WAS DEFENDING...
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND -- YOU BROKE HIS HAND?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? I AM SO SICK OF BEING PICKED ON ALL THE TIME!
FOR ONCE I DEFEND MYSELF AND WHAT DO I GET FROM YOU?
I GET A LECTURE.
PETER, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE TAUGHT YOU TO --
YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU TAUGHT ME...
...YOU TAUGHT ME TO BE A WIMPY LOSER LIKE YOU TWO!
GROWING PAINS.
THAT'S ALL IT IS, MAY.

THAT WAS HORRIBLE.
HE'S A KID AND HE HAD A TRAUMATIC DAY -- AND HE CAME HOME TO US LASHING OUT AT HIM WHEN WE'RE REALLY MAD AT THOSE THOMPSONS -- WHO, BY THE WAY, I WOULD LIKE TO LIGHT ON FIRE.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? DO WE HAVE THE MONEY?
DO WE HAVE IT? MAY, WE DON'T -- NO.
NO, WE DON'T.
PUT IT ON A CARD?
WE HAVE TO. BUT THAT'S IT.
I MEAN, WE ARE -- WE ARE MAXED OUT.
I SHOULD GO UP THERE.
LET THE KID BE.
HE DIDN'T MEAN IT. THE BOY ADORES YOU.
OH, HONEY, I KNOW.

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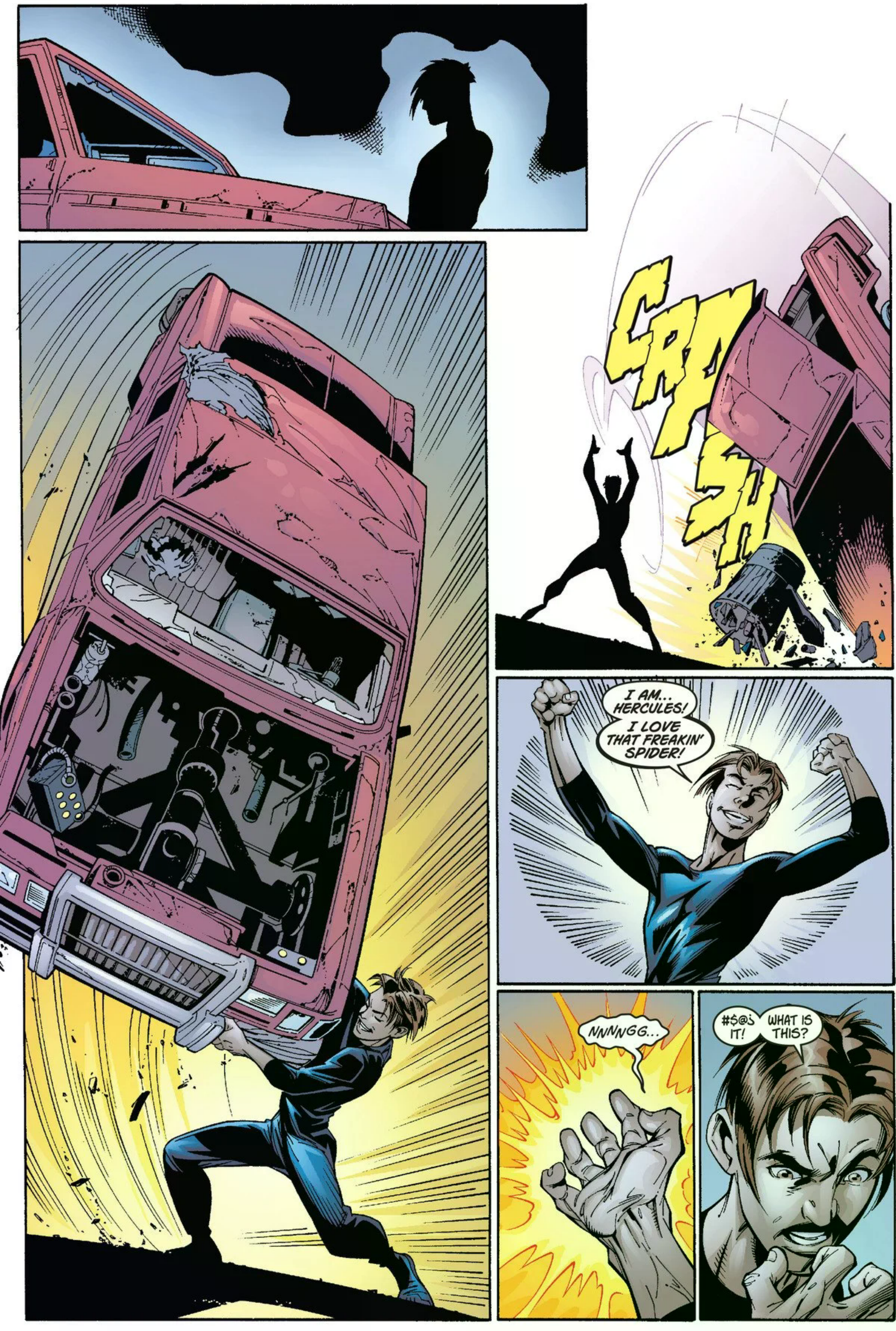
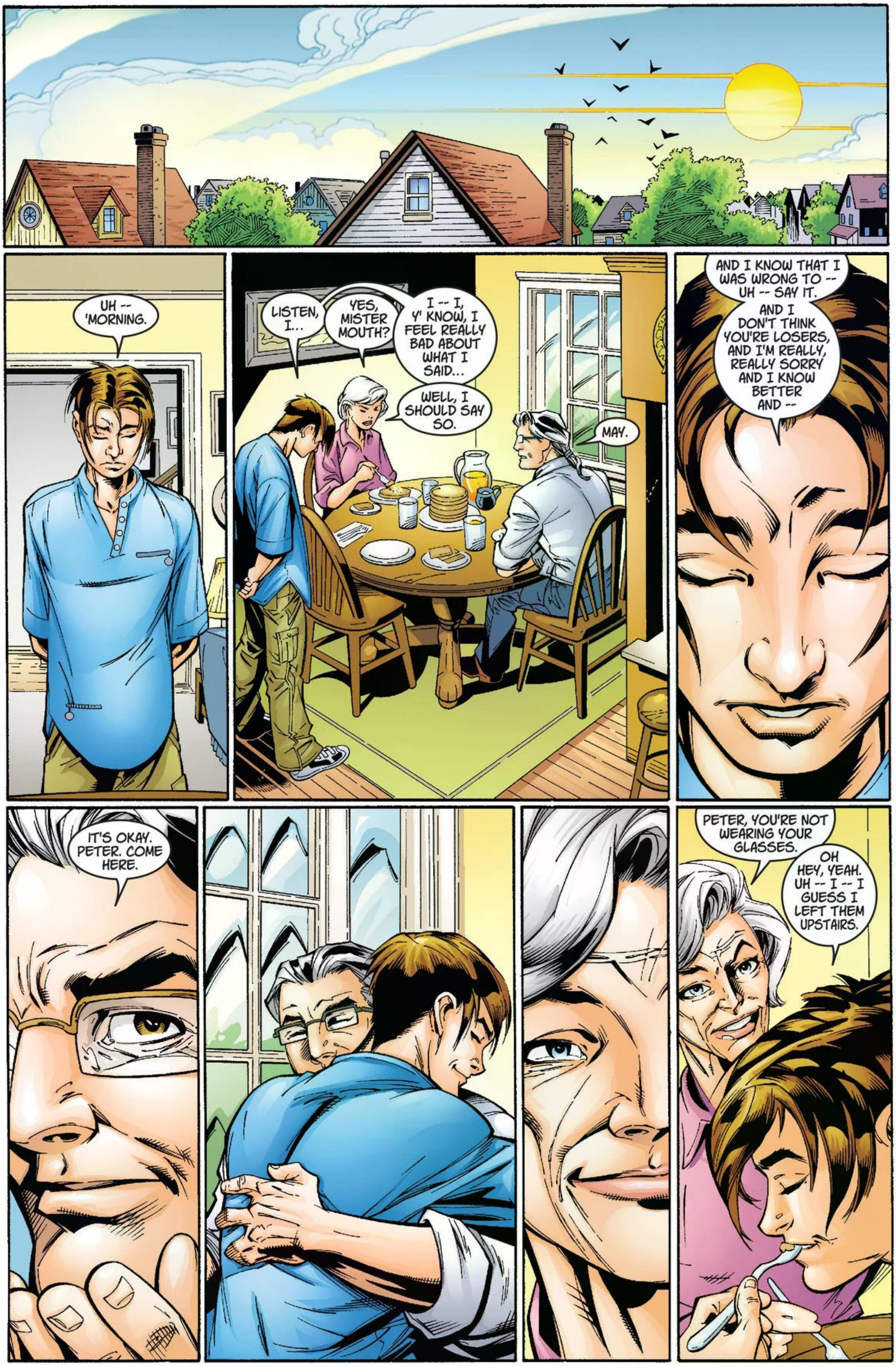
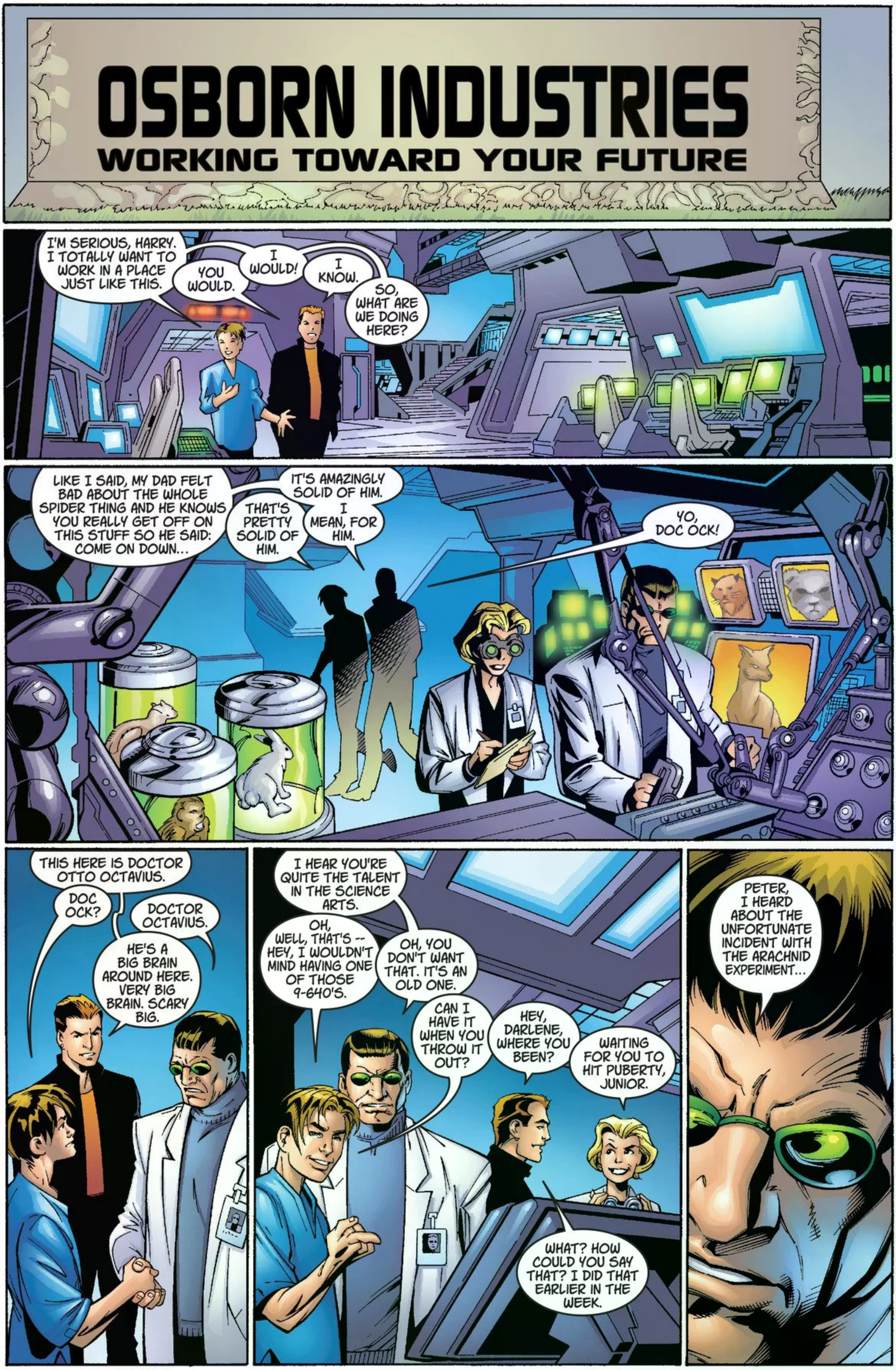
AAHH!
KEEP OUT


CRASH
I AM... HERCULES!
I LOVE THAT FREAKIN' SPIDER!
NNNNGG...
#$@$ IT!
WHAT IS THIS?


UH -- 'MORNING.
LISTEN, I...
YES, MISTER MOUTH?
I -- I, Y' KNOW, I FEEL REALLY BAD ABOUT WHAT I SAID...
WELL, I SHOULD SAY SO.
MAY.
AND I KNOW THAT I WAS WRONG TO -- UH -- SAY IT.
AND I DON'T THINK YOU'RE LOSERS, AND I'M REALLY, REALLY SORRY AND I KNOW BETTER AND --
IT'S OKAY. PETER. COME HERE.
PETER, YOU'RE NOT WEARING YOUR GLASSES.
OH HEY, YEAH. UH -- I -- I GUESS I LEFT THEM UPSTAIRS.


OSBORN INDUSTRIES
WORKING TOWARD YOUR FUTURE
I'M SERIOUS, HARRY. I TOTALLY WANT TO WORK IN A PLACE JUST LIKE THIS.
YOU WOULD.
I WOULD!
I KNOW.
SO, WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
LIKE I SAID, MY DAD FELT BAD ABOUT THE WHOLE SPIDER THING AND HE KNOWS YOU REALLY GET OFF ON THIS STUFF SO HE SAID: COME ON DOWN...
THAT'S PRETTY SOLID OF HIM.
IT'S AMAZINGLY SOLID OF HIM.
I MEAN, FOR HIM.
YO, DOC OCK!
THIS HERE IS DOCTOR OTTO OCTAVIUS.
DOC OCK?
DOCTOR OCTAVIUS.
HE'S A BIG BRAIN AROUND HERE. VERY BIG BRAIN. SCARY BIG.
I HEAR YOU'RE QUITE THE TALENT IN THE SCIENCE ARTS.
OH, WELL, THAT'S -- HEY, I WOULDN'T MIND HAVING ONE OF THOSE 9-640'S.
OH, YOU DON'T WANT THAT. IT'S AN OLD ONE.
CAN I HAVE IT WHEN YOU THROW IT OUT?
HEY, DARLENE, WHERE YOU BEEN?
WAITING FOR YOU TO HIT PUBERTY, JUNIOR.
WHAT? HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT? I DID THAT EARLIER IN THE WEEK.
PETER, I HEARD ABOUT THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WITH THE ARACHNID EXPERIMENT...

...I HOPE THAT YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY ODD SIDE EFFECTS. DIZZINESS? DROWSINESS?
WELL, THERE HAS BEEN A LITTLE -- WHAT ARE ALL THE ANIMALS FOR ANYWAY?
WE CHECK THE BLOOD WORK FOR REACTIONS.
REACTIONS?
JUST SIMPLE BLOOD WORK. HAVE YOU EVER HAD YOUR BLOOD TAKEN, PETER?
OH YEAH. YOU KNOW, PHYSICALS.
WELL, WHY DON'T WE TAKE SOME OF YOURS AND I CAN SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO HERE.
NO, THAT'S OKAY. I'D LIKE TO KEEP MINE ALL IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HEY!
WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
JUST TAKING A SAMPLE.
WHAT HAPPENED?!
WHAT WAS THIS? LIKE AN AMBUSH OR --
WHAT HAPPENED?

EXIT
PETER?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
PETER?

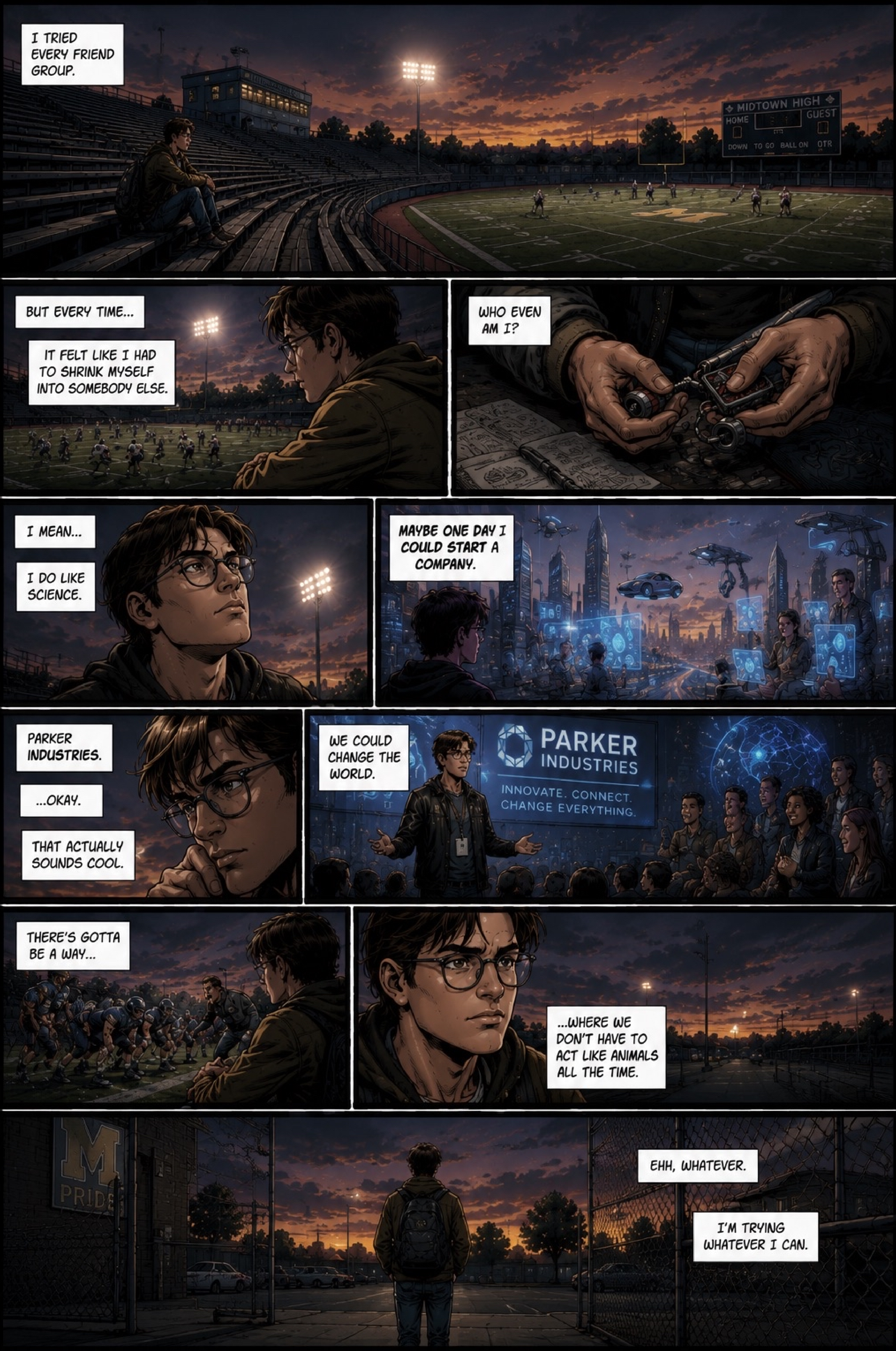
WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT THE DETERIORATION EFFECTS WE WITNESSED IN THE FIRST PARKER SAMPLE HAVE, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, REVERSED THEMSELVES.
MEANING?
MEANING THE BOY IS A HEALTHY SPECIMEN. IF NOT HEALTHIER. HIS METABOLISM IS SOMEWHAT AKIN TO -- LET'S SAY -- THAT OF A LONG DISTANCE RUNNER OR AN OLYMPIC LEVEL ATHLETE.
BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN AS HIS CONDITION PROGRESSES?
OH -- AND HIS CONDITION HAS STABILIZED. HIS BLOOD COUNT IS NORMAL.
STABILIZED.
I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THE SUBJECT, MR. OSBORN. I HAVE A SERIES OF TESTS THAT --
THANK YOU, DOCTOR. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

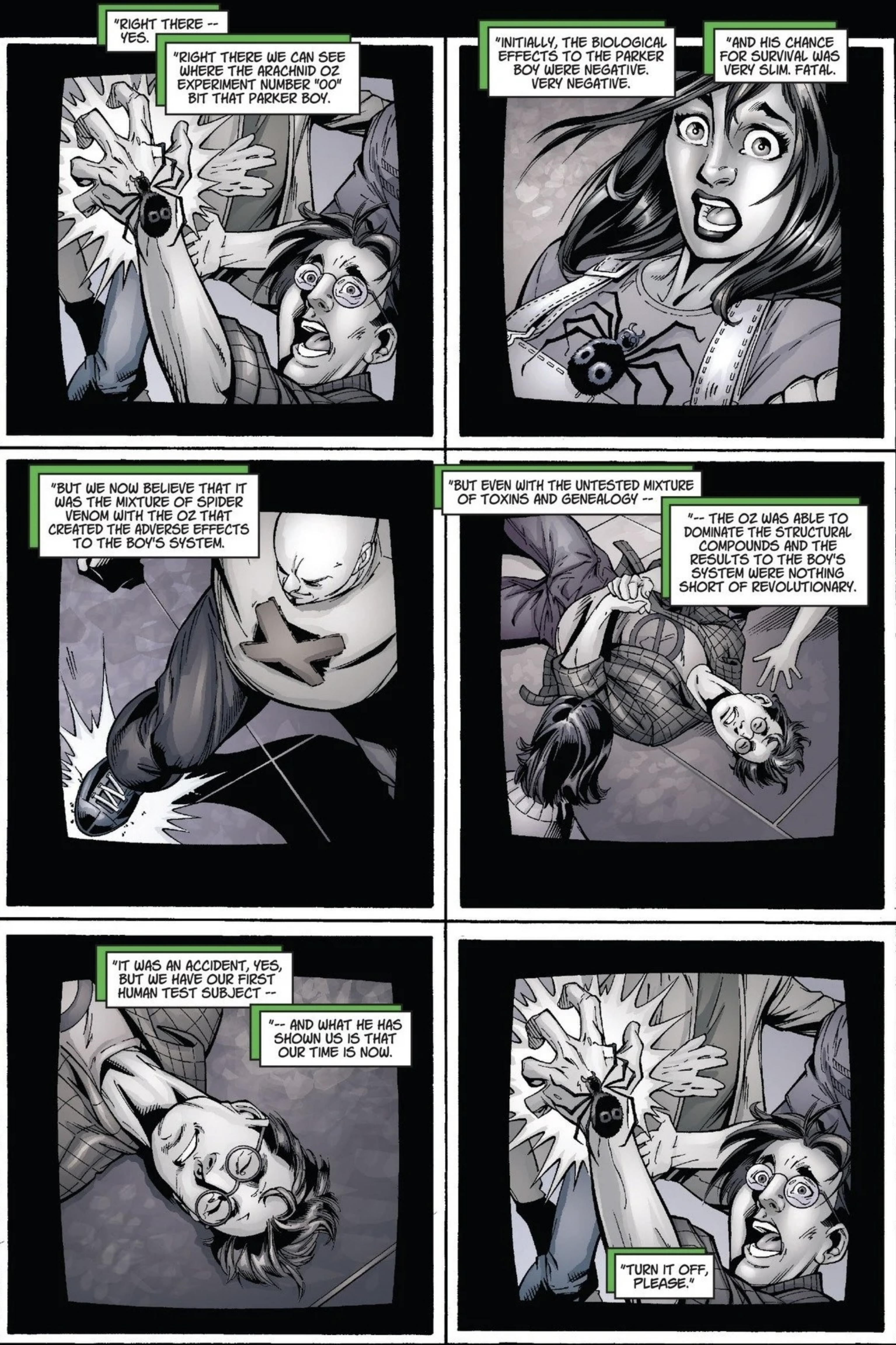
SHOULD I CALL SHAW BACK IN TO FINISH THE JOB?
NO.
NO?
NO. HIS PARENTS -- THE SCHOOL. TOO MANY PEOPLE TO PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER. AN AUTOPSY TO DEAL WITH. THERE'S A TRAIL. IT'S NOT A SMART MOVE NOW.
YOU WANT TO BRING HIM IN FOR MORE TESTS?
THAT IS ADMISSION THAT THERE'S SOMETHING TO TEST. NO, WE NEED TO REPEAT THE ACCIDENT.
REPEAT THE-- ON A HUMAN?
MATCH THE SITUATION. SPECIMEN. CONTROL THE ENVIRONMENT.
PULL UP MY FILE, PLEASE.

CHAPTER 3

EVERY SCHOOL HAD TRIBES.
EXIT
MIDTOWN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
THE JOCKS.
KINGS OF MOVEMENT.
THE NERDS.
KINGS OF ESCAPE.
PC GAMER
WIRED
THE GREASERS.
TOO COOL TO CARE. OR TOO TIRED TO PRETEND.
MEN
CLASS SUCKS
THE PREPPIES.
BORN CONNECTED.
THE FLOATERS.
SOCIAL SHAPESHIFTERS.
SPIRIT WEEK!
AND THEN...
THERE WAS ME.

MAYBE I COULD BE ONE OF THE NERDS.
...NAH.
SO IF WE MERGE IMAGINATION WITH PURE APPLIED SCIENCE, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE--
THAT'S KINDA CORNY.
WHY WOULD SCIENCE NEED IMAGINATION?
THEY THINK MY IDEAS TO MERGE IMAGINATION WITH SCIENCE IS CORNY.
WHAT ABOUT THE JOCKS?
I MEAN...
I DO HAVE SOME SUPERPOWERS, EH.
I COULD BE A STAR.
MVPP
PARKER 11!
...NAH.
FLASH ALREADY OWNED THAT WORLD.
GREASERS?
NO SKATEBOARDING
LOOK AT THIS GUY.
YEAH...
NO.
EVERYBODY MADE BELONGING LOOK NATURAL.
LIKE BREATHING.
I HAD TO THINK ABOUT IT.


I TRIED EVERY FRIEND GROUP.
MIDTOWN HIGH
HOME
GUEST
DOWN TO GO BALL ON QTR
BUT EVERY TIME...
IT FELT LIKE I HAD TO SHRINK MYSELF INTO SOMEBODY ELSE.
WHO EVEN AM I?
I MEAN...
I DO LIKE SCIENCE.
MAYBE ONE DAY I COULD START A COMPANY.
PARKER INDUSTRIES.
...OKAY.
THAT ACTUALLY SOUNDS COOL.
WE COULD CHANGE THE WORLD.
PARKER INDUSTRIES
INNOVATE. CONNECT. CHANGE EVERYTHING.
THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY...
...WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO ACT LIKE ANIMALS ALL THE TIME.
M
PRIDE
EHH, WHATEVER.
I'M TRYING WHATEVER I CAN.

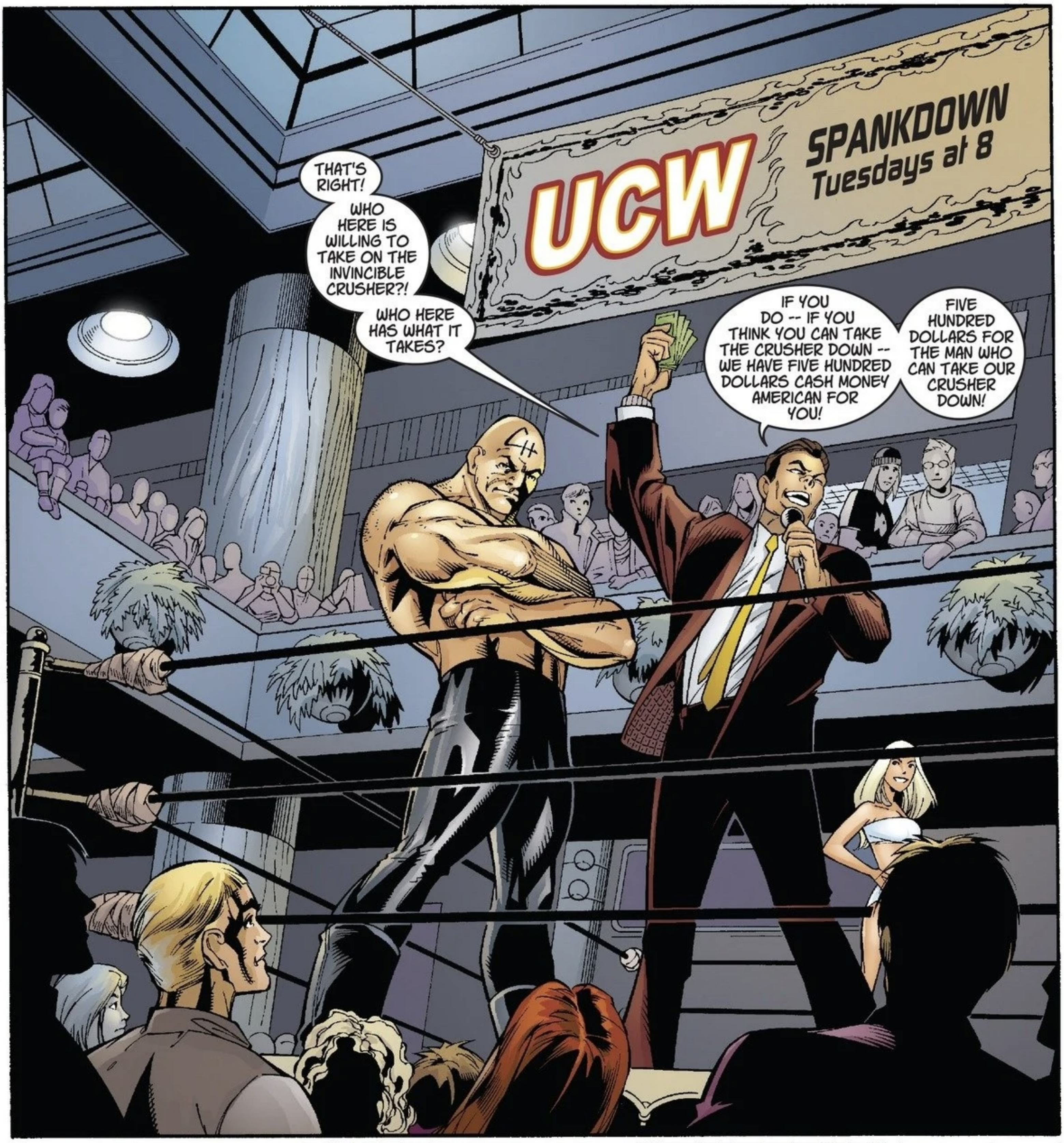

"RIGHT THERE -- YES.
"RIGHT THERE WE CAN SEE WHERE THE ARACHNID OZ EXPERIMENT NUMBER "00" BIT THAT PARKER BOY.
"INITIALLY, THE BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS TO THE PARKER BOY WERE NEGATIVE. VERY NEGATIVE.
"AND HIS CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL WAS VERY SLIM. FATAL.
"BUT WE NOW BELIEVE THAT IT WAS THE MIXTURE OF SPIDER VENOM WITH THE OZ THAT CREATED THE ADVERSE EFFECTS TO THE BOY'S SYSTEM.
"BUT EVEN WITH THE UNTESTED MIXTURE OF TOXINS AND GENEALOGY --
"-- THE OZ WAS ABLE TO DOMINATE THE STRUCTURAL COMPOUNDS AND THE RESULTS TO THE BOY'S SYSTEM WERE NOTHING SHORT OF REVOLUTIONARY.
"IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, YES, BUT WE HAVE OUR FIRST HUMAN TEST SUBJECT --
"-- AND WHAT HE HAS SHOWN US IS THAT OUR TIME IS NOW.
"TURN IT OFF, PLEASE."

WE STAND AT THE EDGE OF A REVOLUTION, GENTLEMEN.
MY LATEST INVENTION... THE iPHONE.
NOT JUST A PHONE. NOT JUST A DEVICE. IT IS A GATEWAY.
TO CONNECTION. TO INFORMATION. TO ENTERTAINMENT. TO EVERYTHING.
PEOPLE WILL WAKE UP... AND THE FIRST THING THEY REACH FOR WILL BE THIS.
THE LAST THING THEY TOUCH BEFORE THEY SLEEP WILL BE THIS.
IT WILL BE THEIR MEMORY... THEIR ENTERTAINMENT... THEIR SOCIAL LIFE... THEIR IDENTITY.
IN TIME, THE WORLD WILL NOT BE RUN BY GOVERNMENTS OR ARMIES...
IT WILL BE RUN BY ATTENTION.
AND ATTENTION WILL RUN THROUGH MY NETWORK.
MY iPHONE WILL ENSNARE BILLIONS. NOT WITH CHAINS...
BUT WITH DESIRE.
THE ONLY THREAT TO THIS FUTURE...
IS SOMEONE WHO COULD BECOME A SYMBOL FASTER THAN MY DEVICE.
SOMEONE THE PUBLIC WOULD RALLY BEHIND NATURALLY.
SOMEONE LIKE THE PARKER BOY.
HE'S BRILLIANT. RELATABLE. INSPIRING.
IF HE STAYS ON THIS PATH... HE COULD OUTSHINE ME BEFORE I'VE BUILT MY EMPIRE.
SO WE DIVERT HIM.
WE GIVE THE WORLD A HERO...
A MASK.
A CAUSE.
A DISTRACTION.
WHILE THE WORLD CHEERS FOR THE SAVIOR...
I BUILD THE SYSTEM THAT OWNS IT.
BY THE TIME THEY REALIZE IT...
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITHOUT IT.

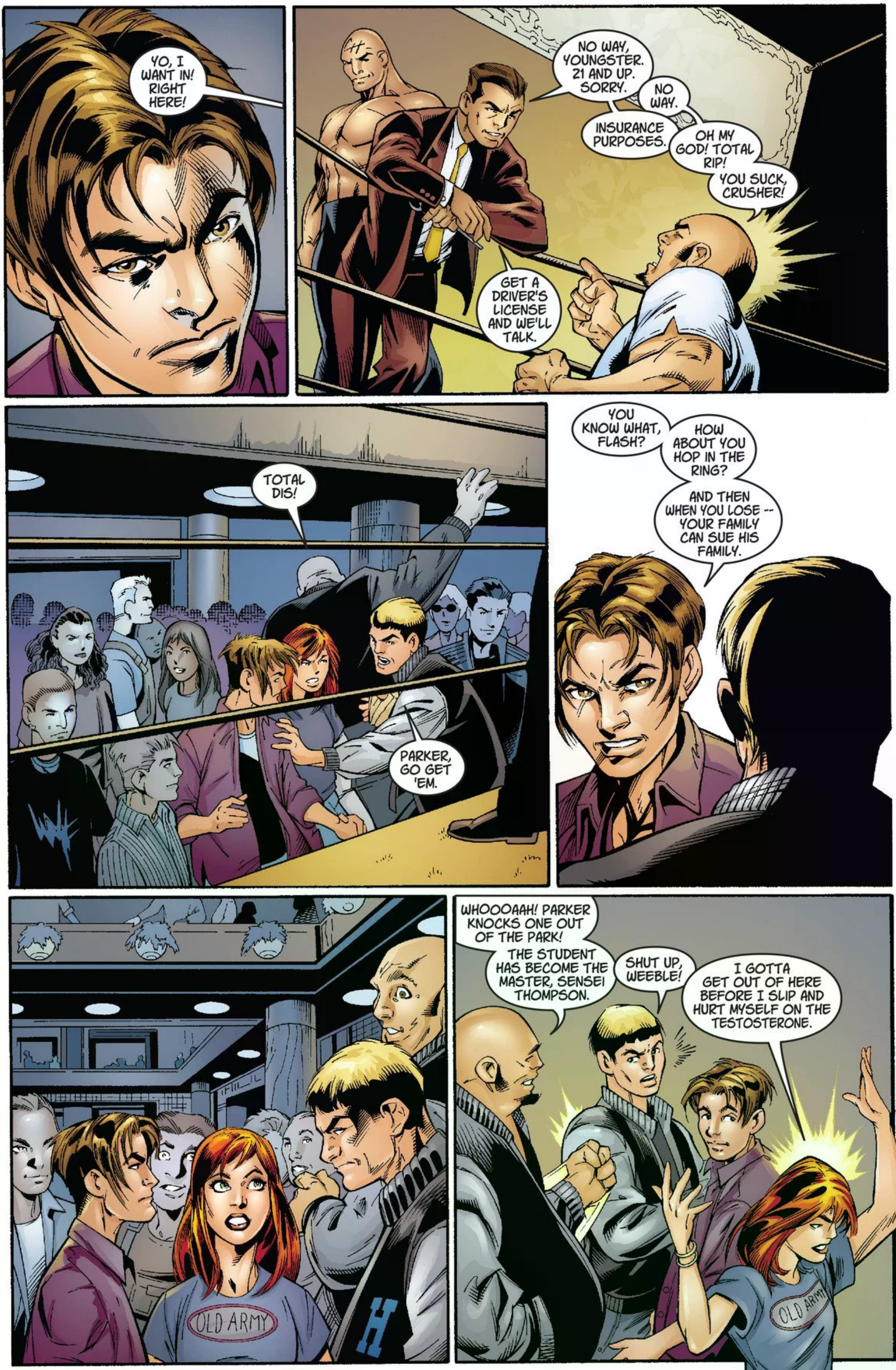
THE BOY IS PARADING AROUND WITH ONE OF MY EXPERIMENTS!
MY ARACHNID.
ARACHNID SERUM A-12
THAT GAVE HIM THIS NEW IMAGE.
SPIDER-MAN SAVES THE DAY AGAIN!
HERO OR MENACE?
NEW YORK'S NEW SYMBOL
WWW.SPIDER-MAN.COM
YOUTUBE VIEWS: 2,418,928
HE SHOULD BE MINE.
AND I WANT HIM...
IMMEDIATELY!
OPERATION: RECLAIM
SUBJECT: P. PARKER
PRIORITY: MAXIMUM
ACQUISITION: IMMEDIATE

MY NAME IS CRUSHER HOGAN.
AND I WILL CRUSH YOUR HEAD LIKE THE *PIMPLE* IT IS!
OLD ARMY
WHAT-EVER.

WANNABE


UCW
SPANKDOWN
Tuesdays at 8
THAT'S RIGHT!
WHO HERE IS WILLING TO TAKE ON THE INVINCIBLE CRUSHER?!
WHO HERE HAS WHAT IT TAKES?
IF YOU DO -- IF YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE THE CRUSHER DOWN -- WE HAVE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH MONEY AMERICAN FOR YOU!
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE MAN WHO CAN TAKE OUR CRUSHER DOWN!

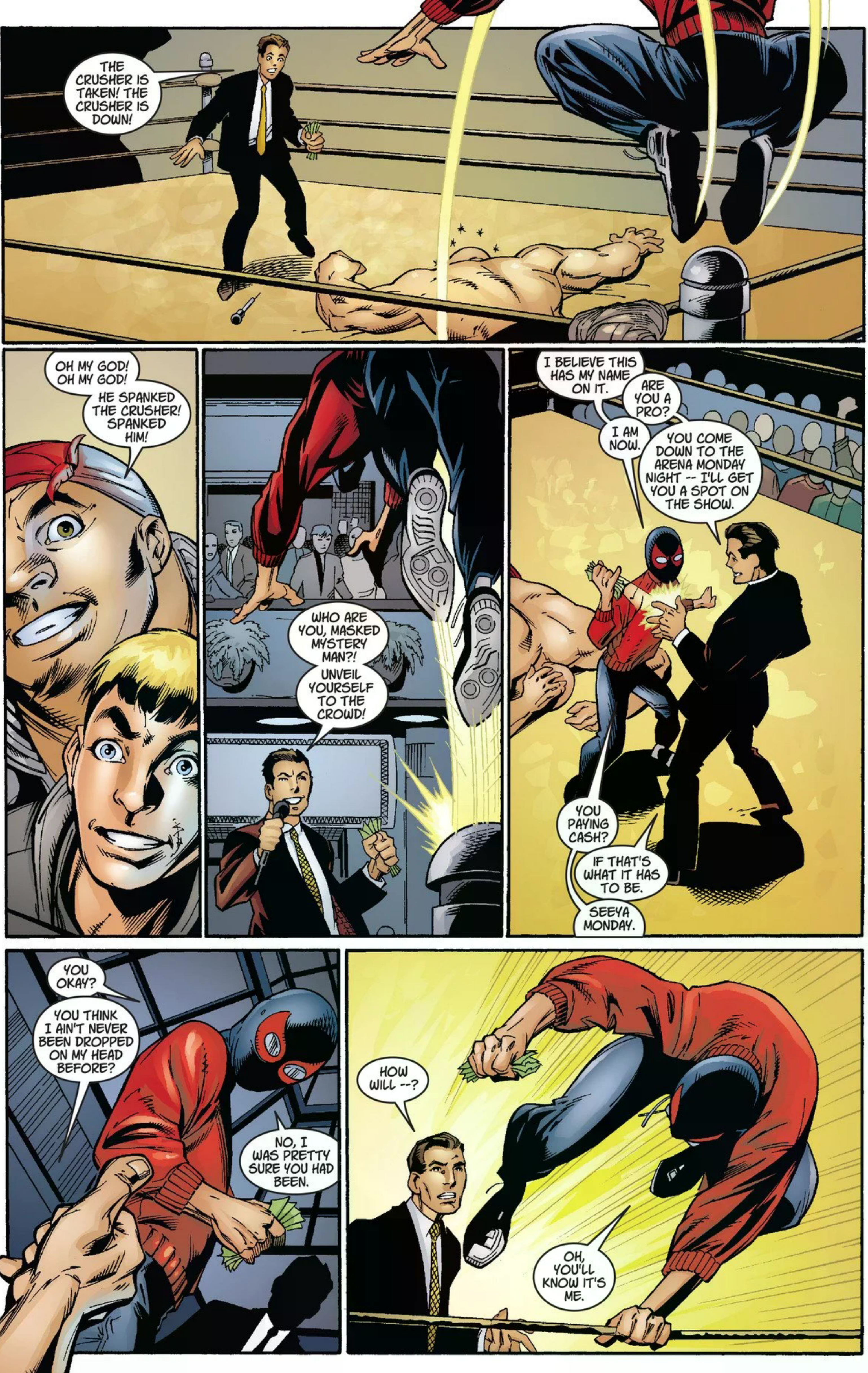
OH MY GOD.
I GOTTA GET ME THAT BANK, BRO.
DO IT, DUDE.
SHOW 'EM HOW IT'S DONE, KONG!


YO, I WANT IN! RIGHT HERE!
NO WAY, YOUNGSTER. 21 AND UP. SORRY.
INSURANCE PURPOSES.
NO WAY.
OH MY GOD! TOTAL RIP!
YOU SUCK, CRUSHER!
GET A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND WE'LL TALK.
TOTAL DIS!
PARKER, GO GET 'EM.
YOU KNOW WHAT, FLASH?
HOW ABOUT YOU HOP IN THE RING?
AND THEN WHEN YOU LOSE -- YOUR FAMILY CAN SUE HIS FAMILY.
OLD ARMY
WHOOOAAH! PARKER KNOCKS ONE OUT OF THE PARK!
THE STUDENT HAS BECOME THE MASTER, SENSEI THOMPSON.
SHUT UP, WEEBLE!
I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I SLIP AND HURT MYSELF ON THE TESTOSTERONE.
OLD ARMY

PETER, ARE YOU IN THE HOUSE?
NO, I'M NOT.
DO YOU PLAN ON EATING DINNER THIS YEAR?
WHAT'S FOR DINNER?
MEAT LOAF.
PIZZA?
MEAT LOAF!
PIZZA?
MEAT LOAF!
PIZZA?
PIZZA.
I'LL BE DOWN IN TWO SECONDS.
PIZZA THAT LOOKS AND TASTES AN AWFUL LOT LIKE MEAT LOAF.

HEY, MEDICINE BALL, YA READY FOR ME?
YOU CAN'T JUST JUMP IN HERE LIKE THIS, MISTER!
HEY! I DON'T WANT THIS TO --
CRUSHER!
YOU CRAZY RUNT -- YOU'RE LOOKIN' TO GET HURT?
WHATEVER.
YOU'RE LIKE THE "BEFORE" PICTURE. I COULD BREAK YOU IN HALF.
$@#ʖ, MAN, I SHOULDA THOUGHT OF THAT.

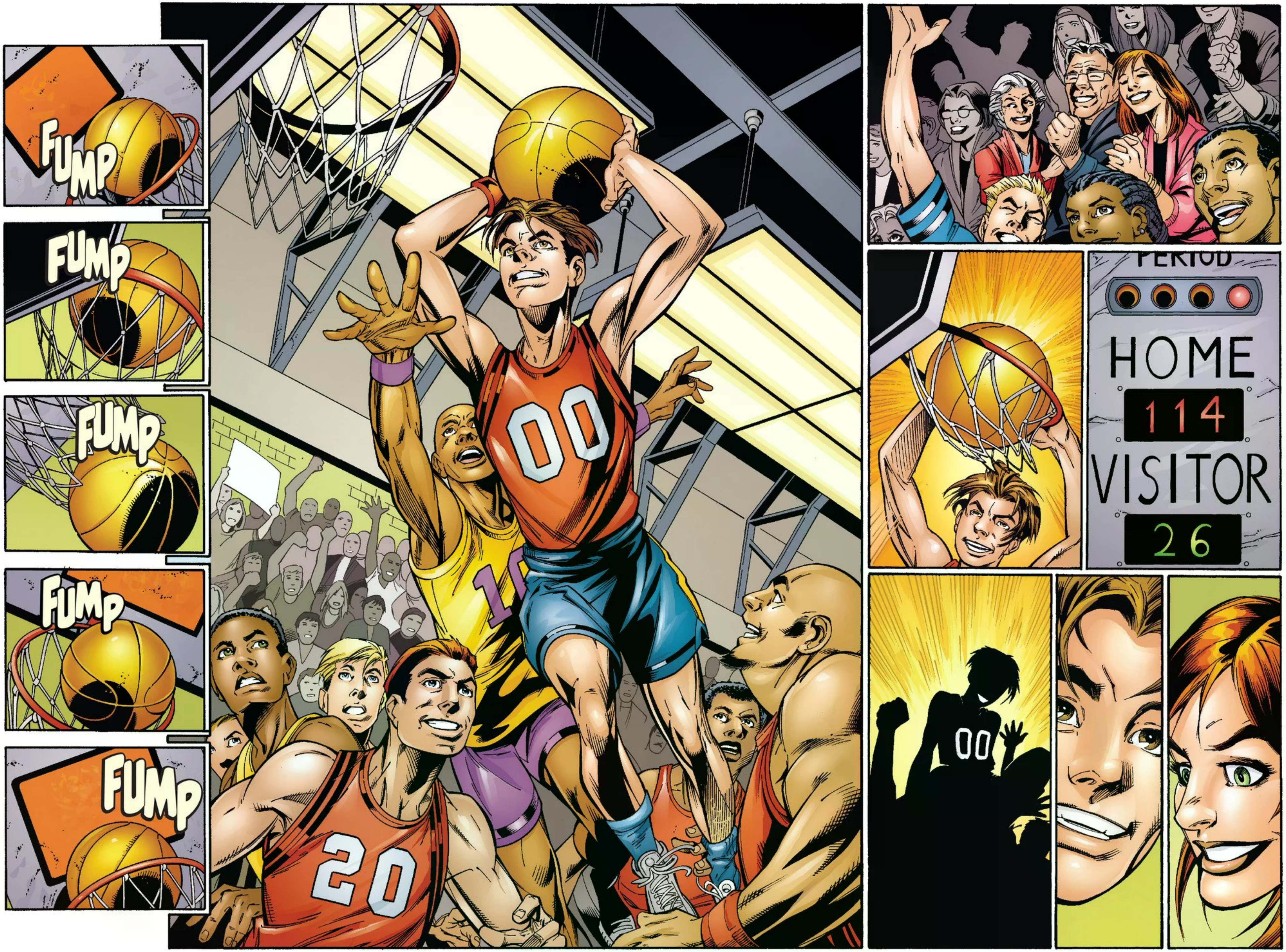
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?! PUT THAT MAN DOWN!
WHOA!
HEY! HEY!
WHAM


THE CRUSHER IS TAKEN! THE CRUSHER IS DOWN!
OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!
HE SPANKED THE CRUSHER! SPANKED HIM!
WHO ARE YOU, MASKED MYSTERY MAN?!
UNVEIL YOURSELF TO THE CROWD!
I BELIEVE THIS HAS MY NAME ON IT.
ARE YOU A PRO?
I AM NOW.
YOU COME DOWN TO THE ARENA MONDAY NIGHT -- I'LL GET YOU A SPOT ON THE SHOW.
YOU PAYING CASH?
IF THAT'S WHAT IT HAS TO BE.
SEEYA MONDAY.
YOU OKAY?
YOU THINK I AIN'T NEVER BEEN DROPPED ON MY HEAD BEFORE?
NO, I WAS PRETTY SURE YOU HAD BEEN.
HOW WILL --?
OH, YOU'LL KNOW IT'S ME.

WHAT IS THAT?
"...SO THE SCHOOL FACULTY TOOK UP A COLLECTION ON BEHALF OF PETER. PETER IS A FANTASTIC STUDENT AND WE ALL FELT THAT THE INCIDENT WITH FLASH THOMPSON WAS UNFAIR.
"WE HAVE DECIDED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS DUE TO SCHOOL POLITICS. WE HOPE YOU WILL HONOR OUR REQUEST IN THIS AREA.
"WE WILL HOPE TO HAVE MORE FOR YOU SOON AS MANY FACULTY HAVE PLEDGED A DONATION BUT HAVE NOT PAID YET.
"BEST WISHES."
WOW.
THIS IS THE NICEST THING I HAVE EVER HAD HAPPEN TO ME IN MY ENTIRE LIFE.
HE'S SUCH A SPECIAL BOY.

YO, HARRY! FOR REAL! THEN HE PICKED THIS CRUSHER DUDE UP OVER HIS HEAD...
DID NOT.
NO, MAN, FOR REAL.
AND JUST -- WHAM!
WHAM?
TOTAL WHAM!
WHO WAS HE?
JUST THIS SKINNY DUDE IN, LIKE, A MASK.
SO LISTEN, THE GEOMETRY EXTRA CREDIT'S GOING TO BE TAKE HOME, YOU WANT TO DO IT TOGETHER OR...
I WAS THINKING YOU COULD DO A DRAFT AND I COULD DO A DRAFT AND WE COULD...
HELLO?
PETER?
PETER!
YEAH, WHAT?
I'M SORRY.
PARKER!
WHAT DID I DO NOW, COACH?
THAT PERFORMANCE YOU LAID ON US YESTERDAY -- ON THE COURT --
-- CAN YOU DO IT AGAIN OR WAS IT ALL LUCKY STUFF?
WHY?
WHY? WE'RE SHORT.
AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT THE GOODS AND'VE BEEN HOLDING OUT ON US.

NO WAY!
OH, I DON'T KNOW.
SHOW UP TO PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL AND LET'S SEE WHAT YA GOT.
BUT I...
YOU'RE NOT REALLY THINKING OF --
COME ON, COACH. DON'T DO THIS TO ME.
I'LL BE AS GOOD AS GOLD BY --
BY THE END OF THE SEASON.
SORRY, KIDDO, THAT'S THE GAME.
BUT PARKER?!
COME ON!
YEAH, I'LL BE THERE.
MAAAAYYNN!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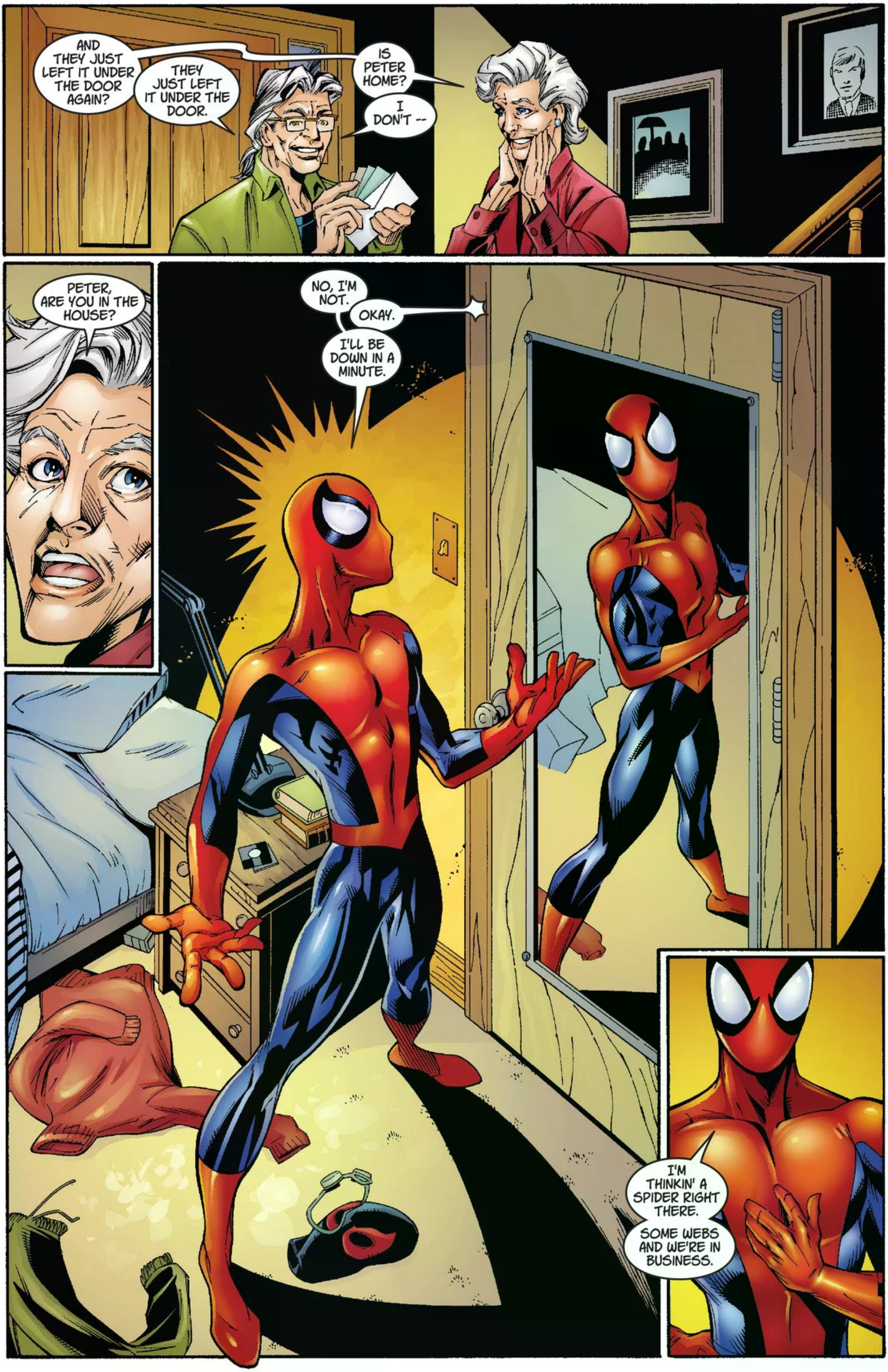
SO, YOU WANT TO DO THE GEOMETRY THING MONDAY NIGHT OR --?
YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH ME?
WELL, DUH.
I ONLY TRIED TO ASK YOU LIKE A BILLION TIMES AND --
OH, CRAP!
MONDAY -- NO -- NO I CAN'T.
WHY?
I GOT A THING.
YOU HAVE A THING?
I GOT A THING.
WHAT? LIKE A BASKETBALL THING?
NO, I...
NEVER MIND. JUST -- NEVER MIND.
MARY, I --
IT'S BIG.

WHO IS THE MASKED SURPRISE ATTACKER?
WHO IS IT?!
WHO IS OVERPOWERING THE INVINCIBLE CRUSHER?
THEY SAID IT CAN'T BE DONE!
THEY SAID IT NEVER WOULD BE DONE!
I ♥ STING
WOLF PACK
THIS WASN'T IN THE SCRIPT!
THIS ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED ON FOR.
OH, QUIT YOUR WHINING!

WHAM
OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!
THE CRUSHER IS DEFEATED! THE CRUSHER IS DEFEATED!
AND THE REFEREE CALLS THE FIGHT FINISHED!
WE HAVE A NEW UCW CHAMPION!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T --
WE NEED A NAME -- A STAGE NAME...
OH! UH -- UH -- THE SPIDER. IS THAT --?
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!
NO! I --
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

HERE YOU GO, "SPIDER-MAN."
YOU OKAY, CRUSHER?
YEAH, I'M JUST GREAT.
NOT TOO ROUGH ON YA?
DON'T PUSH IT.
LISTEN, HOT SHOT, I NEED A NUMBER WHERE I CAN CALL YOU.
SORRY. CAN'T DO IT.
OY! SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE A HUGE PAIN IN MY BUTT?
SURE, WHY NOT?
LISTEN, THIS ANONYMOUS STUFF IS FOR THE BIRDS, MY FRIEND.
WAY IT'S GOTTA BE.
IF IT GETS BACK TO ME THAT YOU'RE GETTING PAID UNDER THE TABLE FROM ME --
YOU GONNA FIRE ME?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
ALL RIGHT, SMART GUY.
TRY TO FIND YOUR WAY BACK HERE FRIDAY NIGHT.
BUT NEXT TIME, WEAR THIS.
I HAD IT MADE FOR YOU SPECIAL.
WHY?
'CAUSE NO OFFENSE, KID --
-- WITH THE GET-UP YA GOT...
...YOU KIND OF LOOK LIKE A DORK.

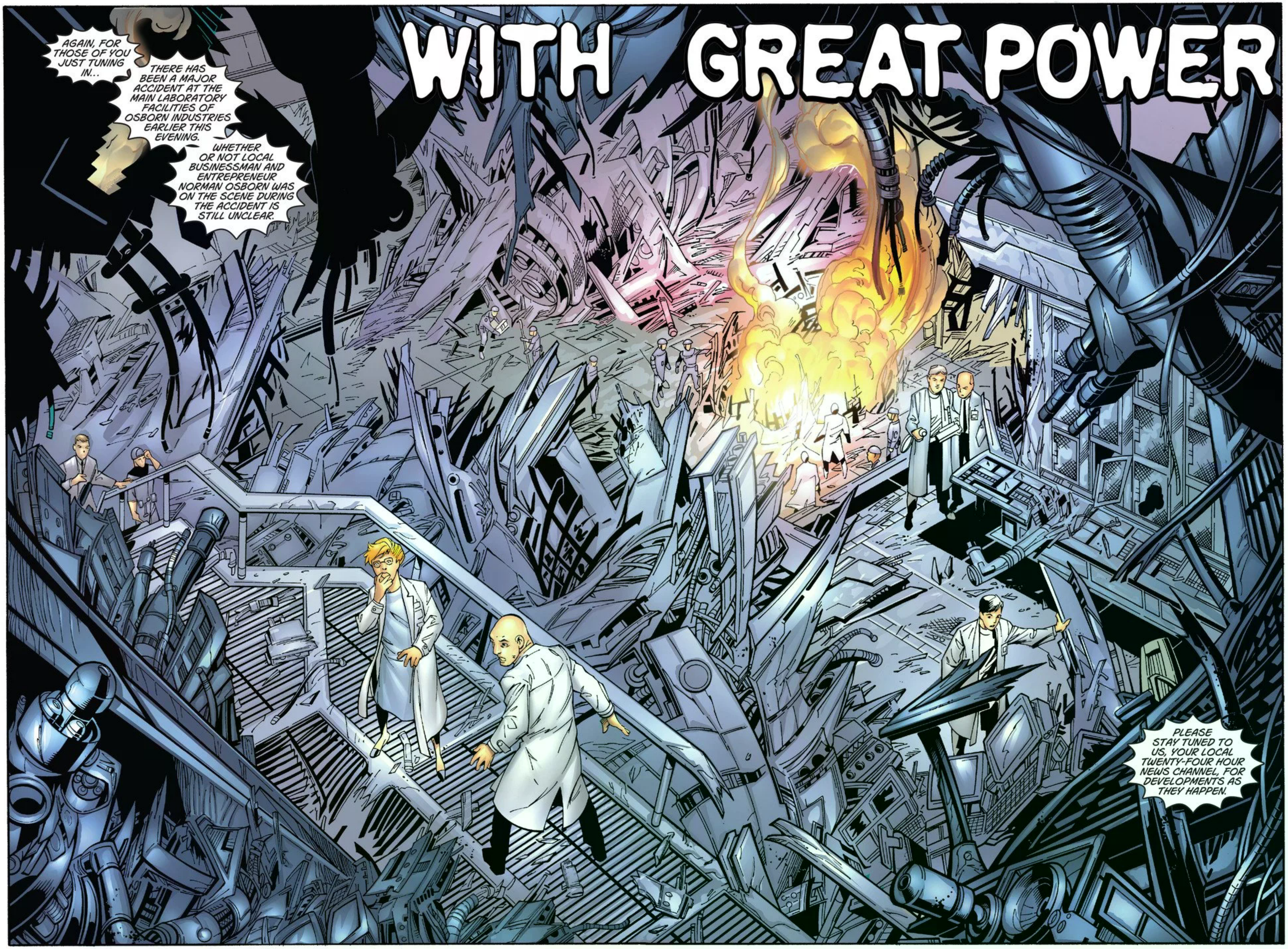

AND THEY JUST LEFT IT UNDER THE DOOR AGAIN?
IS PETER HOME?
THEY JUST LEFT IT UNDER THE DOOR.
I DON'T --
PETER, ARE YOU IN THE HOUSE?
NO, I'M NOT.
OKAY.
I'LL BE DOWN IN A MINUTE.
I'M THINKIN' A SPIDER RIGHT THERE.
SOME WEBS AND WE'RE IN BUSINESS.

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
HARRY. THIS ISN'T --
DO YOU PEOPLE KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORDS: CLAMP DOWN?
THE LAB IS OFF LIMITS TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL!
AND THAT INCLUDES HIM FOR GOD'S SAKE!
BUT WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY ARE YOU --?
WILL YOU PLEASE REMOVE HIM FROM THE PREMISES?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HARRY, NOW IS REALLY NOT THE TIME.
WE ARE GOOD TO GO, SIR?
EVERYTHING CHECKED AND DOUBLE CHECKED?
WE ARE GOOD TO GO.
LET'S DO IT.

NNYAAGGHH!

CHAPTER 4

FOR THOSE OF YOU JUST TUNING IN...
THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR ACCIDENT AT THE MAIN LABORATORY FACILITIES OF OSBORN INDUSTRIES EARLIER THIS EVENING.
DETAILS ARE STILL SKETCHY, BUT WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT THERE ARE FATALITIES INVOLVED.
OSBORN INDUSTRIES HAS WIDELY BEEN CONSIDERED A WORLD LEADER IN SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS OVER THE LAST DECADE --
-- EMPLOYING MANY OF THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS OF OUR GENERATION.
A COMPANY STILL RUN BY COMPANY FOUNDER AND LOCAL NEW YORKER NORMAN OSBORN.
UUGGHH...
THERE HAS BEEN MUCH SPECULATION IN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY ABOUT THE COMPANY'S FUTURE.
SOURCES TELL US THAT THERE HAS BEEN INDUSTRY TALK OF SOME REVOLUTIONARY NEW PRODUCT BEING DEVELOPED BY OSBORN.
WHETHER OR NOT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TONIGHT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH SUCH A PRODUCT IS UNCLEAR.
AUTHORITIES ARE ASKING RESIDENTS AND TRAVELERS TO STAY CLEAR OF THE AREA OF OSBORN INDUSTRIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SAFETY OF THE AREA CAN BE DECLARED SECURE.
DAD...


WITH GREAT POWER
AGAIN, FOR THOSE OF YOU JUST TUNING IN...
THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR ACCIDENT AT THE MAIN LABORATORY FACILITIES OF OSBORN INDUSTRIES EARLIER THIS EVENING.
WHETHER OR NOT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN AND ENTREPRENEUR NORMAN OSBORN WAS ON THE SCENE DURING THE ACCIDENT IS STILL UNCLEAR.
PLEASE STAY TUNED TO US, YOUR LOCAL TWENTY-FOUR HOUR NEWS CHANNEL, FOR DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY HAPPEN.

BE GENTLE... BE GENTLE...
SUCH A BABY, GOD!
CAN YOU SME
WH E ROCK
IS COOKIN'?
SLIM SHADEY
ugz
DO IT!
DO IT!

SLAM
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!
IT IS UNBELIEVABLE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
HU-HOOO!
HE DID IT AGAIN!
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, DON'T HURT YOURSELF...

AND IF YOU'LL JUST PONY UP THE BUCKS, I'LL BE ON MY WAY.
UH... HELLO?
WHERE'S THE PETTY CASH?
I GIVE UP. WHERE'S THE PETTY CASH?
THE MONEY! WHERE IS THE MONEY THAT WE KEEP FROM THE BOX OFFICE RECEIPTS RIGHT HERE IN THIS OFFICE?!
WELL, HOW ON EARTH WOULD I KNOW?
WELL, YOU KNEW IT WAS IN HERE!
SO DID THEY.
WELL, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HERE I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T KNOW YOU! TAKE OFF THAT MASK OR I'M CALLING THE COPS.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
NOW WHY ON EARTH WOULD I --?
THAT WHY ALL THE MYSTERY?
AND I FELL RIGHT FOR IT, DIDN'T I? YOU LOUSY SACK OF --
PLEASE -- IF I WANTED TO ROB THE PLACE, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T NEED TO --
WHY DON'T WE TALK TO THE POLICE ABOUT IT?
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT MASK CAME OFF.
AND I MEAN RIGHT NOW.

YOU GUYS ARE NUTS, YOU KNOW THAT?
REALLY IN NEED OF SOME KIND OF GROUP STEROID COUNSELING OR SOMETHING...
GET HIM!
"GET HIM"? WOW! YOU EVER THINK OF WRITING FOR THE THEATER?
U.C.W.

WELL, THERE GOES MY WRESTLING CAREER.
BUNCH O' MANIACS.
I COULD'A MOPPED THE FLOOR WITH THE BUNCH OF THEM.
THEY'RE SO LUCKY I'VE GOT A HEART OF GOLD.
SURE, THERE'S THE TAINTED BLOOD OF A SPIDER RUNNING THROUGH IT, BUT IT'S STILL A HEART OF GOLD.
SO, I'LL GET A NORMAL JOB LIKE A NORMAL TEENAGER -- HELP CHIP IN FOR UNCLE BEN AND AUNT MAY.
WONDER IF THESE SPIDER-POWERS WILL BE AN ASSET CHANGING THE GREASE TRAPS AT THE CORNER WENDY'S.
NO, I GOTTA GET A JOB WITH COMPUTERS OR AT A LAB OR SOMETHING.
CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE GUYS WERE GOING TO RIP MY HEAD OFF LIKE THAT. I BET THAT MANAGER RIPPED THE PLACE OFF HIMSELF.
FIGURES HE CAN PIN IT ON ME LIKE THAT.
REALLY BURNS MY BUTT.
WHY ARE PEOPLE ALWAYS SO QUICK TO JUMP DOWN MY THROAT? I TELL YOU -- I AM SO SICK OF IT.
HELP! WE'VE BEEN ROBBED.
HE ROBBED THE DELI! MY DELI!
HE ROBBED US! SOMEBODY...
I MEAN, IS IT ME? OR IS IT THAT EVERYWHERE I GO SOMEONE'S GETTING IN MY FACE ABOUT SOMETHING?
OH!

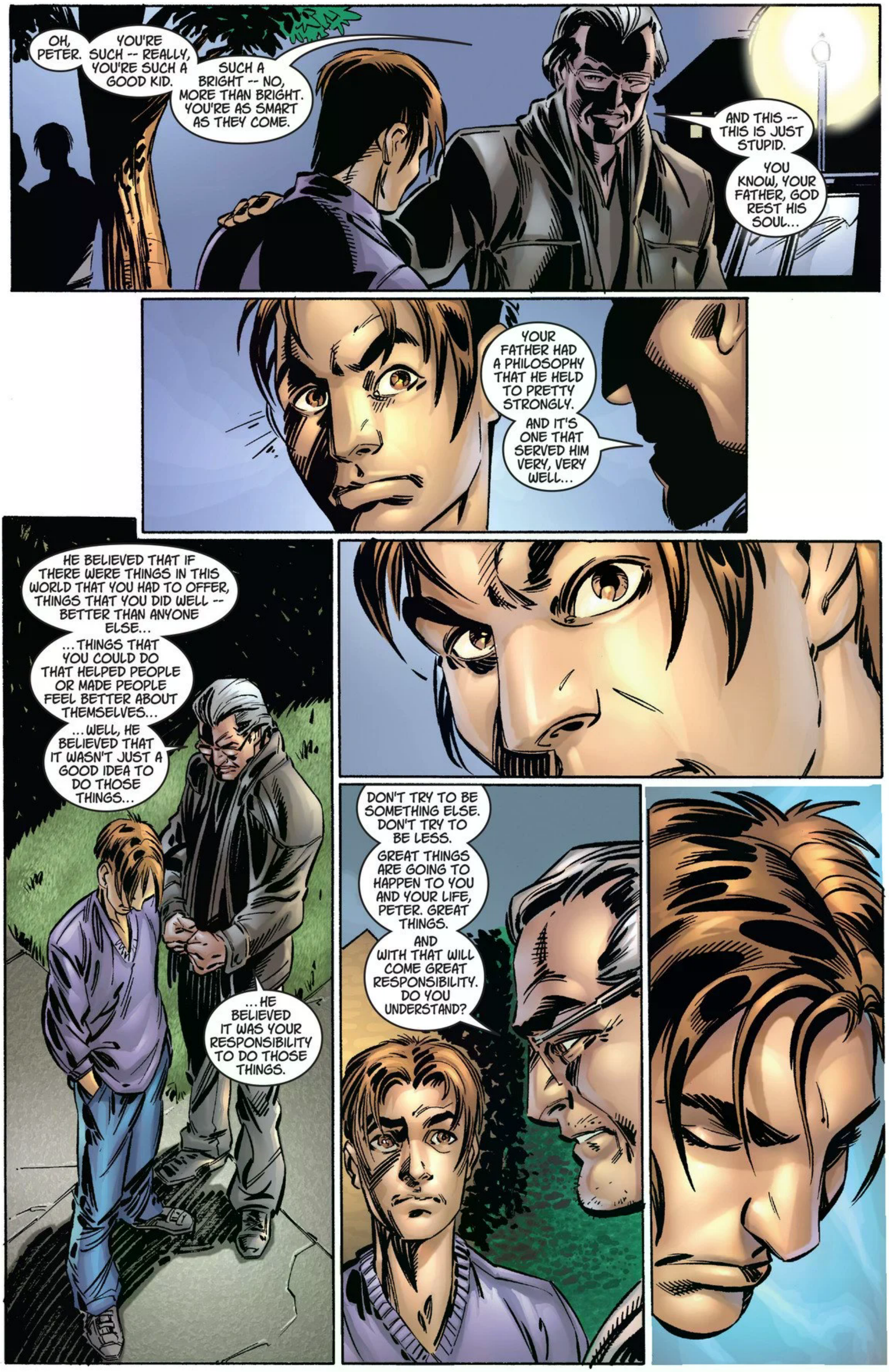
HEY!
GET...
GET OUTTA MY WAY!
OUT!
SHALL WE DANCE?
JEEZ! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT GUY?
"RESERVOIR DORK!"
WHAT?
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT WAS WHAT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM?
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TRIP HIM.
STICK YOUR FOOT OUT AND HE'S KISSING PAVEMENT!
WHATEVER...
ALL YOU HAD TO DO...
YEAH, WELL, I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS, BIG GUY!
LITTLE SNOT.

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
PRACTICE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WITH WHAT?
WHAT?
ENGLISH.
HOW DO YOU GO FROM AN 'A' TO THIS?
HARRISON NIGHT SCHOOL
PARENT NOTICE
PARKER, PETER
ENGLISH PROGRESS
A A A D
CAN I SEE THAT?
AM I TO ASSUME THAT YOUR OTHER GRADES HAVE SLIPPED DRAMATICALLY AS WELL?
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT'S GOING ON, PETER? THIS IS SERIOUS.
I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS I HAVE -- I HAVE DIFFERENT PRIORITIES NOW.

"DIFFERENT PRIORITIES"?
YOUR GRADES WERE SUCH A POINT OF PRIDE FOR YOU, PETER. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
YOU KNOW WHAT? MAYBE THIS BASKETBALL THING ISN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
NO WAY!
PETER, IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED SPORTS AND ALL --
-- BUT WE HAVE TO THINK SOMETHING IS REALLY WRONG WHEN WE GET A REPORT FROM YOUR SCHOOL LIKE THIS --
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT!
OH, REALLY?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
PETER, I THINK YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO YOUR AUNT FOR THIS TONE OF YOURS.
SCREW THIS!

I HATE THIS.
WHY CAN'T I JUST TELL THEM?
JUST TELL THEM WHAT I CAN DO NOW. TELL THEM THAT I'M OKAY.
THAT I'M SO MUCH BETTER THAN OKAY.
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING IS HOLDING ME BACK -- LIKE I SHOULDN'T TELL THEM.
EVERYTHING IS SO DIFFERENT NOW AND I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD, LIKE, A SECOND TO FIGURE IT ALL OUT.
ONE MINUTE I'M PETER PARKER, KING OF THE DWEEBS, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN I CAN DO THIS.
AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THIS IS.
NOW I'M PLAYING BASKETBALL AND I DON'T EVEN LIKE IT. I'M WRESTLING AND I DON'T EVEN LIKE IT.
IT ISN'T ME. I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THIS STUFF. BUT WHAT DO I DO NOW? WHY HAS THIS HAPPENED TO ME?
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST BITE THE BULLET AND TALK TO HARRY'S CREEPY DAD. COME CLEAN WITH WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAB WITH THE SPIDER AND WHATNOT.
IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE, HE CAN SEE THAT.
ONE THING'S FOR SURE, I'M NOT GOING BACK HOME TONIGHT.
BUT WHERE CAN I GO? IF I GO TO MARY JANE'S, THE WATSONS WILL CALL MY HOUSE. HARRY'S IN THE HILLS.
WHERE ELSE CAN I --? OH, MAN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M EVEN THINKING THIS.

LET'S GO...
UNCLE BEN, DON'T...
DUDE... BUSTED.
STOP IT, I CAN WALK MYSELF.
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!
HOW CAN YOU DO THAT TO MAY? LEAVE AND STAY OUT ALL NIGHT.
YOU'RE FIFTEEN YEARS OLD, PETER.
AND WITH ALL THE TRAGEDY IN OUR FAMILY? TO LEAVE LIKE THAT.
REALLY, PETER, HOW CAN YOU DO THAT TO THE WOMAN?
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU LATELY?
SOMETHING'S GOING ON. THIS ISN'T YOU.
I DON'T KNOW.


OH, PETER.
YOU'RE SUCH -- REALLY, YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD KID.
SUCH A BRIGHT -- NO, MORE THAN BRIGHT. YOU'RE AS SMART AS THEY COME.
AND THIS -- THIS IS JUST STUPID.
YOU KNOW, YOUR FATHER, GOD REST HIS SOUL...
YOUR FATHER HAD A PHILOSOPHY THAT HE HELD TO PRETTY STRONGLY.
AND IT'S ONE THAT SERVED HIM VERY, VERY WELL...
HE BELIEVED THAT IF THERE WERE THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU HAD TO OFFER, THINGS THAT YOU DID WELL -- BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE...
...THINGS THAT YOU COULD DO THAT HELPED PEOPLE OR MADE PEOPLE FEEL BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES...
...WELL, HE BELIEVED THAT IT WASN'T JUST A GOOD IDEA TO DO THOSE THINGS...
...HE BELIEVED IT WAS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THOSE THINGS.
DON'T TRY TO BE SOMETHING ELSE. DON'T TRY TO BE LESS.
GREAT THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU AND YOUR LIFE, PETER. GREAT THINGS.
AND WITH THAT WILL COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.
MY FATHER.
IF HE KNEW SO MUCH...
...THEN WHERE THE #$@¿ IS HE?!
COME ON, PETER, SNAP OUT OF IT.
YOU CAN DO IT.

SO STUPID.
CRYING LIKE A GIRL. HE DIDN'T DESERVE THAT. HE DOESN'T KNOW.
HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT EVER SINCE THIS WHOLE SPIDER-MAN THING BEGAN ALL I CAN THINK IS THAT THE ONE PERSON WHO WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO WAS MY DAD.
MY DAD WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT TO MAKE OF ALL THIS -- MY POWERS -- WHAT THEY MEAN.
BUT I'M WRONG. AND I'M SICK OF BEING WRONG.
UNCLE BEN AND AUNT MAY ARE MY FAMILY AND IT'S WAY PAST TIME FOR ME TO GROW UP.
IT'S TIME I TOLD THEM WHAT IS GOING ON WITH ME AND WHATEVER HAPPENS, HAPPENS.
IF I'M A FREAK -- I'M A FREAK.
THEY LOVE ME NO MATTER WHAT.

"THE KID'S JUST GOT TO FIND A WAY TO LET IT OUT."

NYAAAHH!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
EVERYONE DOWN!

I-I MUST BE SEEIN' THINGS. I --
MUST BE OUT OF MY --
THUMP
OOOFF!
MAYBE HE POPPED HIMSELF?
YOU WISH.
WHAT IS THIS? WH-WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
I GOTTA -- I GOTTA HIDE --
I GOTTA --
MISTER, THERE IS NOWHERE ON EARTH YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HIDE FROM ME!

AARRRGG!
POK
YA CAN'T -- YA CAN'T...
YEAH, WELL, YOU SHOULDA THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU...
THAT -- THAT FACE!
IT'S -- OH NO, IT CAN'T BE...

GET OUTTA MY WAY!
OUT!
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM?
NOT MY JOB.
"NOT YOUR JOB?"
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TRIP HIM. STICK YOUR FOOT OUT AND HE'S KISSING PAVEMENT!
WELL, SORR-EE.
BUT THAT REALLY ISN'T MY DEPARTMENT, IS IT?
I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS, BIG GUY.

YOU PROBABLY HAVE MORE MONEY THAN WE DO...
HE HASN'T COME OUT THE BACK EITHER, CAPTAIN STACY?
YOUR CALL.
SHOULD WE CALL S.W.A.T.?

THE PLACE IS EMPTY.
WE FOUND THE GUN, BUT...
WHAT HAPPENED IN THERE?
SEEIN' THINGS... SEEIN' THINGS...
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SEE?

YOU TOLD ME --
YOU TOLD ME...
YOUR FATHER -- HE BELIEVED THAT IF THERE WERE THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU HAD TO OFFER THAT YOU DID WELL --
-- BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE --
-- THINGS THAT YOU COULD DO THAT HELPED PEOPLE OR MADE PEOPLE FEEL BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES...
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GREAT THINGS.
AND WITH THAT WILL COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
I DO NOW.

CHAPTER 5

MANY YEARS LATER.....
SHANGHAI, 2006
HA HA HA!
STOP IT.
"...I SAVE EVERYONE I CAN. EVERYONE!" DID YOU PRACTICE THAT IN FRONT OF A MIRROR?
BOBBI, PLEASE.
HA HA! WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN? IS IT LIMITED TO PEOPLE? DO YOU STILL SAVE PETS THAT GET STUCK IN TREES?
YOU KNOW YOU COULD'VE STAYED WITH LEO AND THE COPS? ASKED SOME MORE QUESTIONS.
NOT A CHANCE. I'M CHECKING OUT THE CRIME SCENE. PARKER INDUSTRIES.

WITH GREAT POWER...
...COMES GREATER SPEED, STORAGE, AND BATTERY LIFE.
WELCOME TO WEBWARE FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES. NOW AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE.
BRINGING YOU AFFORDABLE INTERNET ACCESS...
...WITH CLEAR RECEPTION...
...AND UNLIMITED DATA.
ANYWHERE ON EARTH.
EVEN IN MY FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR-HOOD!
WEBWARE! WHEN YOU'RE READY TO MASTER THE WEB!
FROM YOUR PALS AT...
...PARKER INDUSTRIES!
KCHOOM

MR. PARKER! OVER HERE!
IS PARKER INDUSTRIES BUILDING ITS WEBWARE HERE...
...FOR CHEAP CHINESE LABOR?
NO. WE'RE PAYING FAIR WAGES. WE'RE DOING THIS RIGHT.
SO YOU'RE USING A LESS *PROFITABLE* MODEL?
FACTS
THAT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU MEASURE "PROFIT."
WE'RE NOT HERE TO BUILD A *FORTUNE*. WE'RE BUILDING THE FUTURE.
WE LIVE IN A TIME WHERE HEROES SAVE THE WORLD EVERY DAY. BUT WHAT ARE THEY SAVING IT FOR?
MY GREATEST HERO WAS MY UNCLE BEN. HE SAVED SO MANY PEOPLE'S WORLDS, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE.
HELPING A NEIGHBOR WITH THEIR MORTGAGE. ANOTHER WITH THEIR GROCERIES. HE BARELY HAD ANYTHING, BUT HE DID SO MUCH WITH WHAT HE HAD.
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FACTS CHA
RUNNING A GLOBAL COMPANY LIKE THIS IS THE MOST POWER I'LL EVER HAVE.
AND IN HIS NAME, I'M GOING TO DO IT RESPONSIBLY.
CREATE JOBS. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT. GREEN TECHNOLOGIES. A CHANCE FOR ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER...
...NOT TO *SAVE* A WORLD, BUT TO MAKE A WORLD ***WORTH SAVING.***

I CALLED YOU ALL HERE TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF MY NEWEST VENTURE...
...THE *UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION.*
THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION
STARTING TODAY, WE'LL BE GOING AROUND THE GLOBE USING PARKER INDUSTRIES' TECHNOLOGY...
...TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE AND RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WHEREVER WE CAN.
ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR? NOTHING'S OFF THE TABLE.
WHAT ABOUT SPIDER-MAN?
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
ACCORDING TO YOUR PRESS RELEASES, HE'S BOTH YOUR COMPANY'S MASCOT...
...AND YOUR "PERSONAL BODYGUARD"?
SO?
DOESN'T THAT JUST MAKE YOU A POOR MAN'S TONY STARK?
LITERALLY. EMPHASIS ON THE "POOR."
I'VE CAPPED MY SALARY AT A MIDDLE MANAGEMENT LEVEL. AS LONG AS MY PRACTICES ARE KEEPING PROFITS DOWN...
...I CAN'T JUSTIFY PAYING MYSELF MORE THAN MY JUNIOR EXECS. NEXT QUESTION?

THWIKKK
TANG TANG TANG TANG
ZRAKZZZ

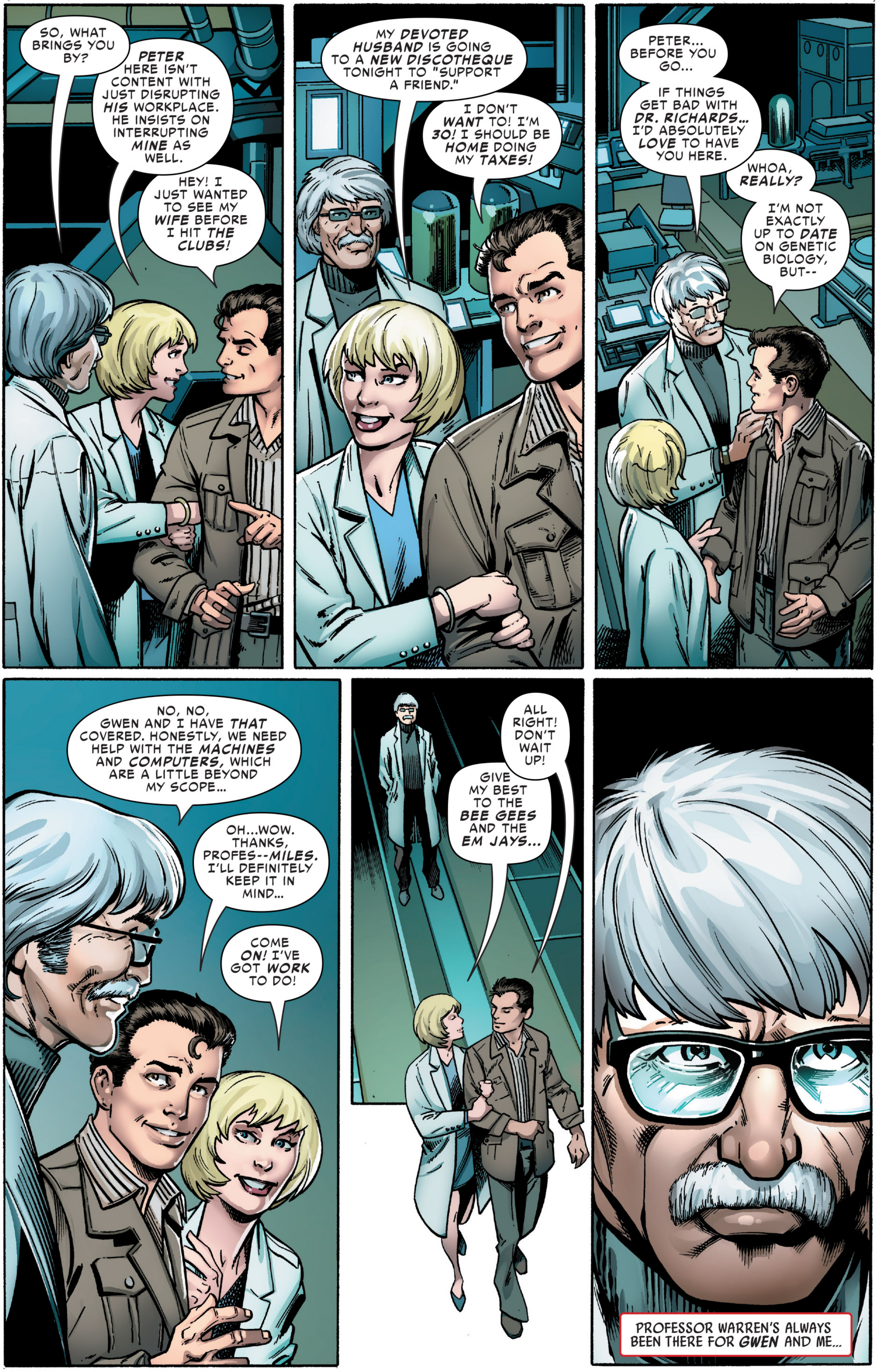
MORE ALL-NEW INNOVATIONS FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES!
FIELD-TESTED ON THE WORLD'S BEST TEST DUMMIES.
THAT'D BE YOU, LION-O.

IT FEELS LIKE YESTERDAY, THAT BITE.
THE PAIN OF IT FADED...
...BUT, BOY, THE RESULTS SURE STUCK AROUND.
YOU MAKE AMENDS. I TRY TO EVERY DAY.
I STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT I'M DOING...

...BUT I'M SURE GETTING BETTER AT IT.
AT LEAST I AM AS SPIDEY. NOT SO SURE ABOUT PETER PARKER.
A MORNING SPENT PUTTING MYSTERIO AWAY MEANS I JUST MISSED TWO CLASSES.
BUZZ BEER
TIMEX
PAN AM
RCA-VICTOR

...EVERY DAY JUST FEELS LIKE ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO EVERYONE I KNOW GOING OVERSEAS.
OR TO CANADA.
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I SHOULD JUST--JUST SIGN UP.
ALL THIS POWER COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE... BUT WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? BRING MY SPIDEY COSTUME WITH ME?
LOVE NOT WAR
IS IT A-- A MORAL IMPERATIVE TO GIVE UP MY SECRET TO HELP A GREATER NUMBER OF--
HEY! PARKER!
O MORE
AR!!
ND THE
AR IN
DRAFT
PEACE
OW!
WHAT'S THE WORD, HARRY?
SAME AS IT EVER WAS, PAL. MY CAR BROKE DOWN. LATE FOR BIO.
UNBELIEVABLE...
...IT'S NOT AS IF I HAVE A COMPANY TO RUN OR ANYTHING.
OH, HEY, DAD. THIS IS THE GUY I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT...

THE NEXT DAY......
SCIPRO-GENESIS
SCIPRO-GENESIS
...AND THEN OTTO STEPPED IN.
WHICH IS FOR THE BEST, 'CAUSE I'M STARTING TO GET TIRED OF ALL THE SAME REED CONVERSATIONS...
HONEY, I LOVE YOU. BUT YOU NEED TO STOP POKING HIM.
YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WORK WITH ONE OF THE GREATEST MINDS ON THE PLANET, AND YOU KEEP HAVING THESE "ETHICAL DEBATES"...
YEAH, WELL, EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
...YOU AND PROFESSOR WARREN ARE ACTUALLY DOING GOOD. RE-CREATING LIMBS FOR PEOPLE.
YOU EVEN MANAGED TO HELP FIX POOR CURT CONNORS.
YES, WELL...
...GWEN AND I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT WITHOUT YOU CONCOCTING A CURE FOR "THE LIZARD" FIRST, PETER.
HEH. WELL, I MAY HAVE ENDED UP IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, BUT YOUR BIO CLASSES NEVER LEFT ME, SIR.
PLEASE, PLEASE, SON, CALL ME MILES. WE'RE A GOOD DECADE OUT OF SCHOOL!



SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU BY?
PETER HERE ISN'T CONTENT WITH JUST DISRUPTING HIS WORKPLACE. HE INSISTS ON INTERRUPTING MINE AS WELL.
HEY! I JUST WANTED TO SEE MY WIFE BEFORE I HIT THE CLUBS!
MY DEVOTED HUSBAND IS GOING TO A NEW DISCOTHEQUE TONIGHT TO "SUPPORT A FRIEND."
I DON'T WANT TO! I'M 30! I SHOULD BE HOME DOING MY TAXES!
PETER... BEFORE YOU GO...
IF THINGS GET BAD WITH DR. RICHARDS... I'D ABSOLUTELY LOVE TO HAVE YOU HERE.
WHOA, REALLY?
I'M NOT EXACTLY UP TO DATE ON GENETIC BIOLOGY, BUT--
NO, NO, GWEN AND I HAVE THAT COVERED. HONESTLY, WE NEED HELP WITH THE MACHINES AND COMPUTERS, WHICH ARE A LITTLE BEYOND MY SCOPE...
OH...WOW. THANKS, PROFES--MILES. I'LL DEFINITELY KEEP IT IN MIND...
COME ON! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
ALL RIGHT! DON'T WAIT UP!
GIVE MY BEST TO THE BEE GEES AND THE EM JAYS...
PROFESSOR WARREN'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR GWEN AND ME...

...EVEN WALKING HER DOWN THE AISLE AFTER HER FATHER DIED.
NOT SURE IF MY MARRIAGE COULD SURVIVE US WORKING TOGETHER, THOUGH...
BESIDES, THE LAB...CREEPS ME OUT. MAYBE IT'S ALL THE FLOATING LIMBS, BUT SOMETHING JUST GENTLY POKES AT MY SPIDEY-SENSE.
SPEAKING OF MY SPIDER-SENSE, I WISH IT WERE GOING OFF RIGHT NOW. I'VE FOUGHT THE RHINO, KRAVEN, THE LIZARD, AND YET HERE I AM, SCARED...
...OF DISCO.
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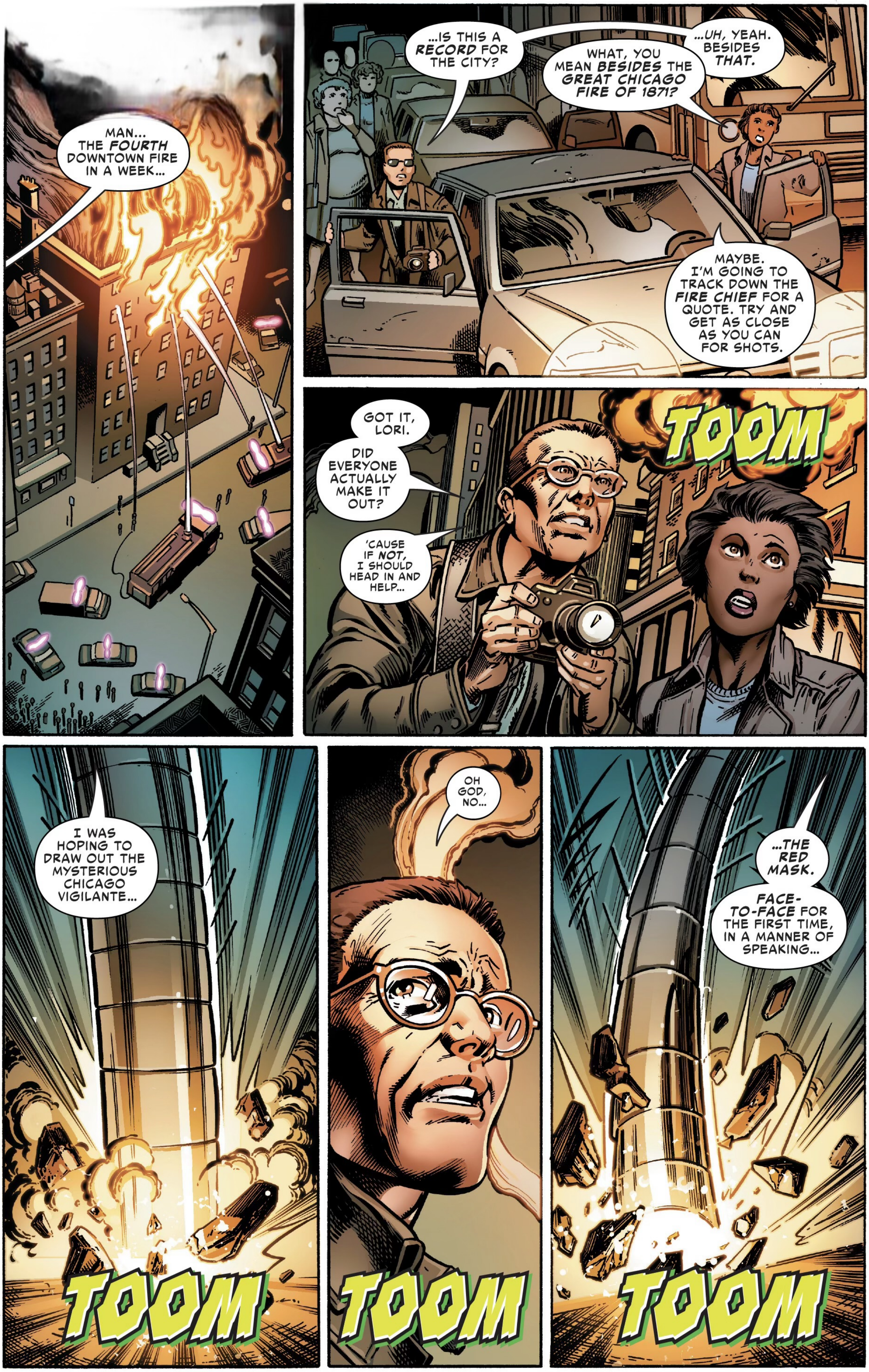
JUST SUCK IT UP, PETE...AT LEAST YOU WERE ON THE LIST...
MR. PARKER?
PLEASE, YOU'RE EXPECTED IN THE VIP SECTION...
OH. OF...OF COURSE...
I ALWAYS FORGET THAT HARRY IS, LIKE, CRAZY RICH.
AND IF HARRY IS CRAZY RICH, SO IS HIS FIANCÉE...
...MARY JANE WATSON.
PETEYYYY!!!
UH, HEY, MJ. DID I MISS YOUR SET?
OH GOD NO! I DON'T HIT THE DJ BOOTH UNTIL MIDNIGHT!
MIDNIGHT?! OH MAN, I DON'T THINK I CAN LAST THAT LONG! THIS ISN'T-- ISN'T REALLY MY SCENE...
HAHA! WHEN DID YOU GET SO OLD?!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN OLD! PUT A BEATLES 45 ON AND I'M FINE...
UNBELIEVABLE! JUST GIVE SOMETHING NEW A CHANCE FOR ONCE!
YEAH, YEAH...WHERE'S HARRY?
OL' HARRY DIDN'T QUITE GET THE UPPERS/ DOWNERS COMBO RIGHT...
IT'S FINE. JUST MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO BABYSIT HIM ALL NIGHT AND LISTEN TO HIS STUPID HIGH-FINANCE TALES.
OH MAN...

AH! FUEL! WANT ONE, PETE?
I'M--I'M GOOD.
ARE YOU AND HARRY... OKAY?
WHAT? WE'RE FINE.
IT WORKS, PETE. WE CAN'T ALL BE PERFECT LIKE YOU AND YOUR LITTLE LAB BUNNY.
COME ON, MJ, THAT'S NOT--
NOT WHAT? NOT FAIR?!
OUT OF EVERYONE IN OUR GROUP, YOU'RE ALWAYS THE STICK IN THE MUD, THE GUY WITH THE FAUX CONCERN FOR OTHERS!
BUT YOU DON'T ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING, DO YOU?
OKAY, YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK OR WHATEVER. I'M GOING--
EASIER TO JUST POINT OUT EVERYONE'S PROBLEMS THAN TO ACT, YEAH?
YOU HAVE TROUBLES AT WORK? THEN QUIT!
YOU DON'T LIKE HANGING OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS? THEN DON'T!
YOU JUST WALLOW IN REGRETS! YOU LOVE THEM!
INSTEAD OF TELLING HIM HE WAS MAKING A MISTAKE, YOU COULD HAVE SAVED FLASH! WITH ALL YOUR $#%@ POWER!

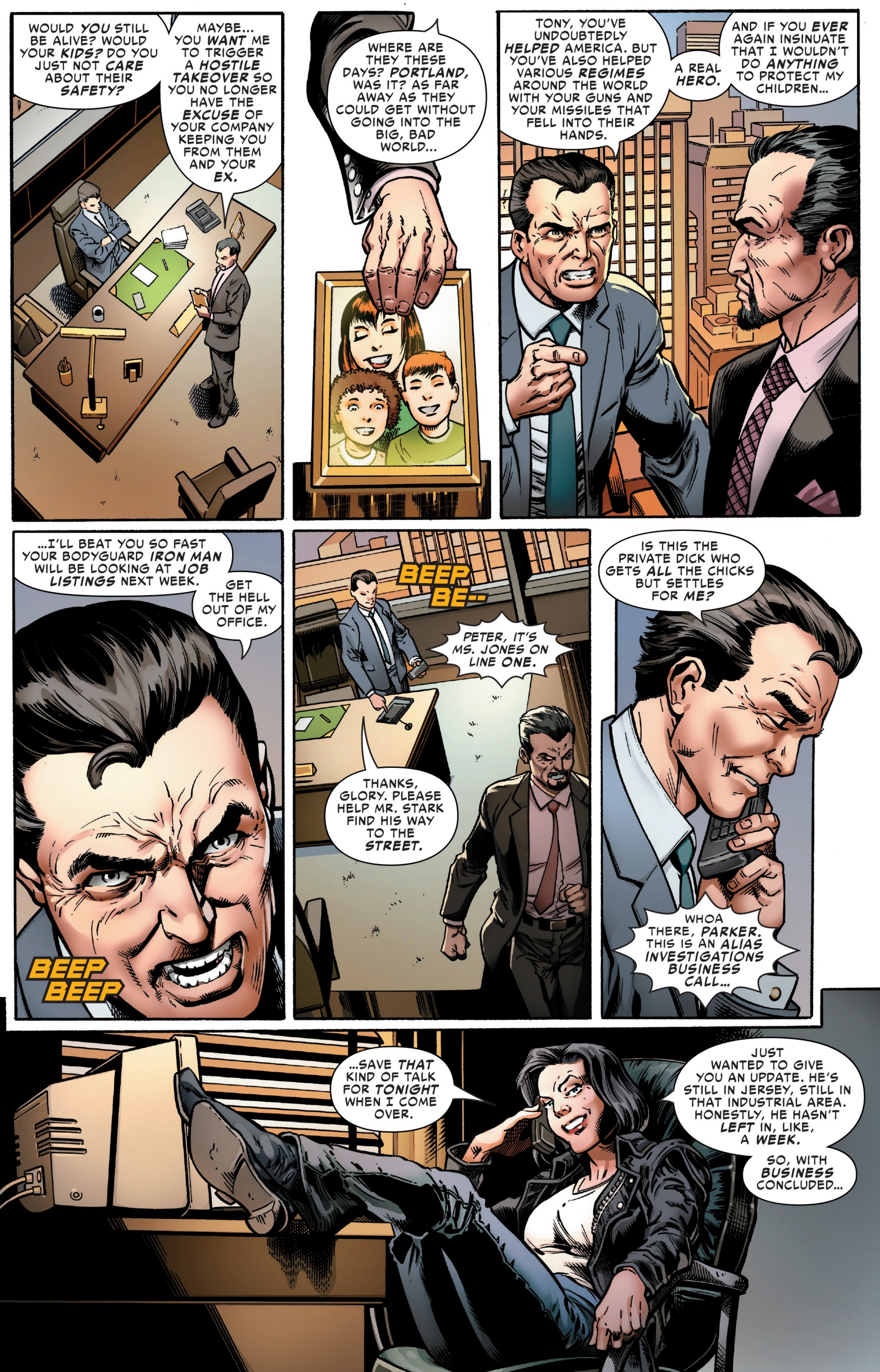
I KNOW, PETE.
I'VE KNOWN SINCE I WAS FIFTEEN. WATCHING YOU COME AND GO FROM YOUR AUNT MAY'S HOUSE.
I DON'T-- I DON'T--
OH, SHUT UP. YOU HAVE MORE POWER THAN ANYONE IN THIS ROOM. AND WHAT DO YOU DO?
YOU'VE SPENT A DECADE IN YOUR OWN "CLUB OUTFIT," PLAYING THE CLOWN. CONVINCING YOURSELF YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING...
...WHILE PETER PARKER GETS TO BE THE COWARD.
AND OUR FRIEND IS DEAD.

NHHH... WHAT TIME IS IT?
TWO.
...DID I HAVE A GOOD TIME?
SURE.
WHAT'S THE SKINNY WITH YOU THIS MORNING? DID I DO SOMETHING STUPID AT THE CLUB?
IT'S NOT YOU...
...IT'S PETER. HE SHOWED UP LAST NIGHT WHILE YOU WERE STONED. WAS CLASSIC "HOLIER THAN THOU" PARKER.
I...I SEE...
'S NO BIG DEAL. I'LL TALK TO HIM LATER...
BRRRING BRRRING
HELLO?
YES...I'LL ACCEPT THE CHARGES...
FATHER?
OF COURSE.
I'M READY.


MAN... THE FOURTH DOWNTOWN FIRE IN A WEEK...
...IS THIS A RECORD FOR THE CITY?
WHAT, YOU MEAN BESIDES THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871?
...UH, YEAH. BESIDES THAT.
MAYBE. I'M GOING TO TRACK DOWN THE FIRE CHIEF FOR A QUOTE. TRY AND GET AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN FOR SHOTS.
GOT IT, LORI.
DID EVERYONE ACTUALLY MAKE IT OUT?
'CAUSE IF NOT, I SHOULD HEAD IN AND HELP...
TOOM
I WAS HOPING TO DRAW OUT THE MYSTERIOUS CHICAGO VIGILANTE...
TOOM
OH GOD, NO...
TOOM
...THE RED MASK.
FACE-TO-FACE FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING...
TOOM

...WITH DOCTOR OCTOPUS!
HELLO, "BEN REILLY." I SAW YOU AT MAY'S FUNERAL, YOU KNOW. MY DEAR, SWEET MAY...
YOU WERE LURKING IN THE DISTANCE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME SHAMEFUL RELATIVE, BUT WHEN I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH, WELL...
...THEN I HAD TO HAVE YOU.
SO, MR. REILLY, UNLESS YOU WANT THE NICE YOUNG LADY'S HEAD CRUSHED, YOU'LL COME WITH ME...
...'CAUSE YOU'VE GOT A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

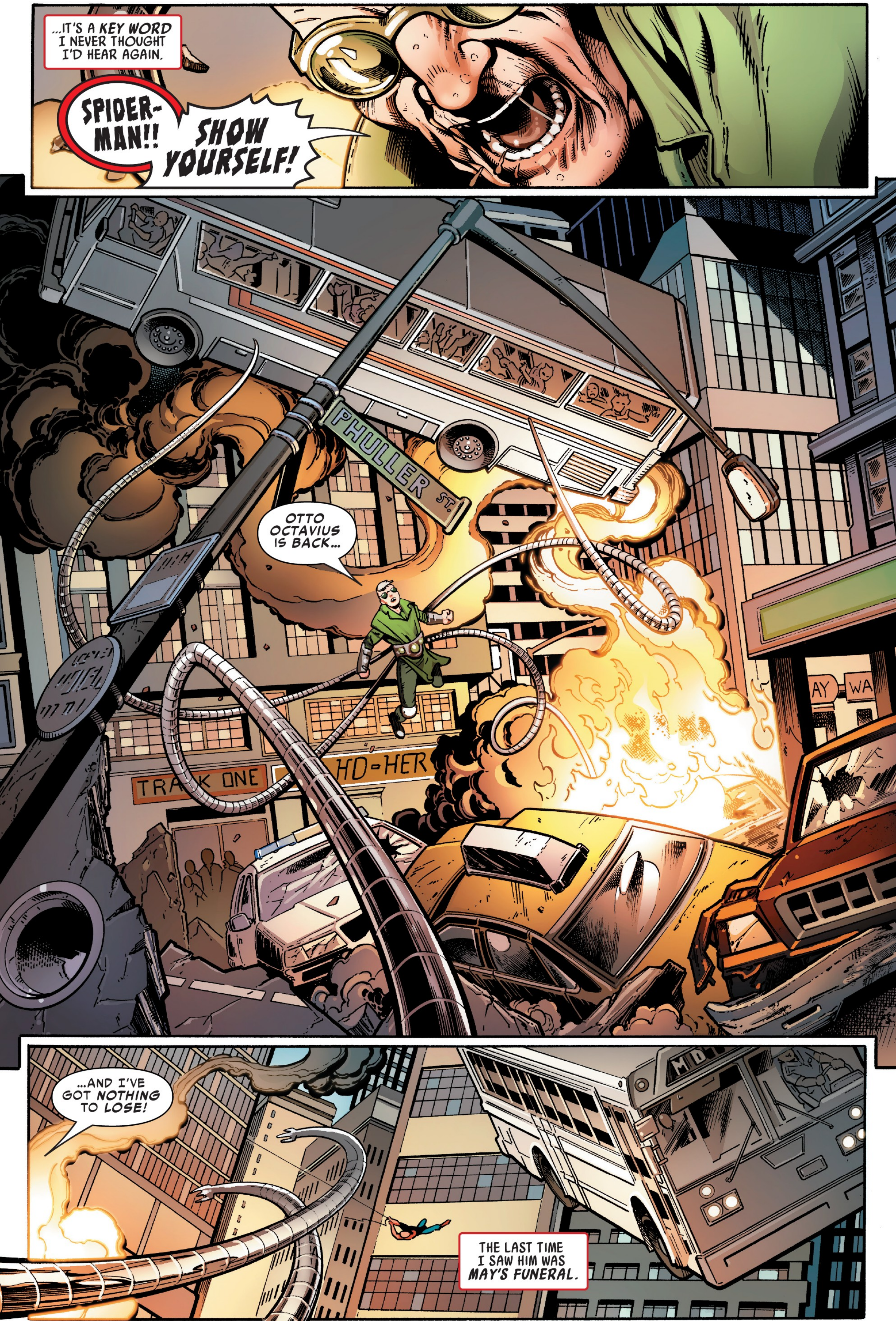
C'MON, PARKER, YOU'RE KILLING ME HERE...
PARKER INDUSTRIES
New York City.
...THIS MERGER JUST MAKES SENSE! LOOK AT YOU! YOU LOOK LIKE #$%@!
YOU DON'T WANT TO RUN A COMPANY--YOU WANT TO BE IN THE LAB! THAT CAN HAPPEN...
...AT STARK INTERNATIONAL!
WE'RE PUSHING INTO COMMUNICATIONS NOW, LIKE YOU! SO WHY BE COMPETITORS?
I'M HERE--INSTEAD OF MY LAWYERS--'CAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE A SMART MAN. WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN?
STOP MAKING WEAPONS.
MY WEAPONS WON THE RUSSIAN WAR. THEY SAVED LIVES. MY WEAPONS KEEP PEACE ACROSS THE WORLD.
YOU MAKE CELL PHONES AND ADHESIVES.
YOU WANT TO MAKE ME THE VILLAIN HERE? FINE. I'LL BE THE VILLAIN.
BUT PICTURE A WORLD WITHOUT TONY STARK...

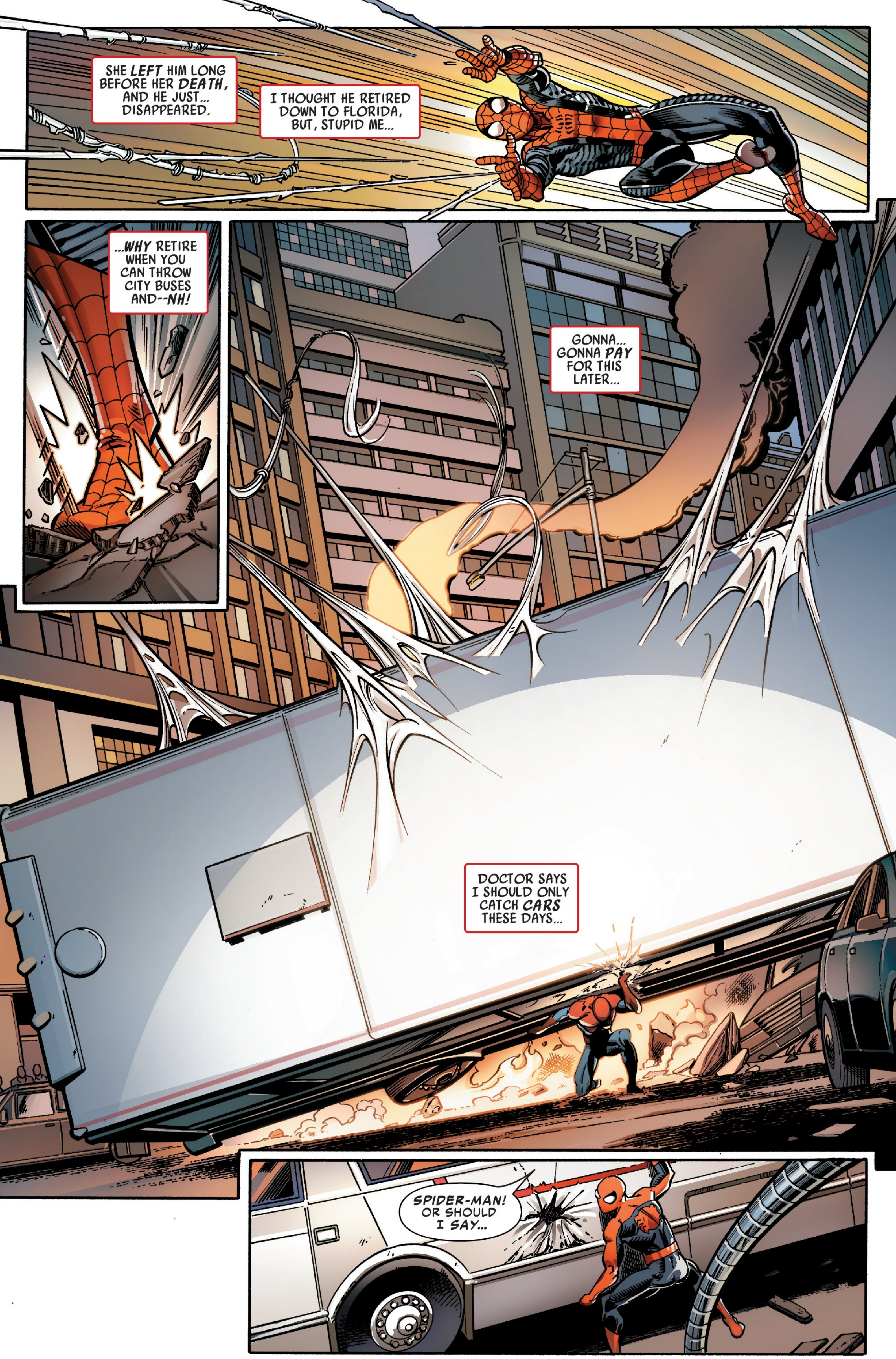


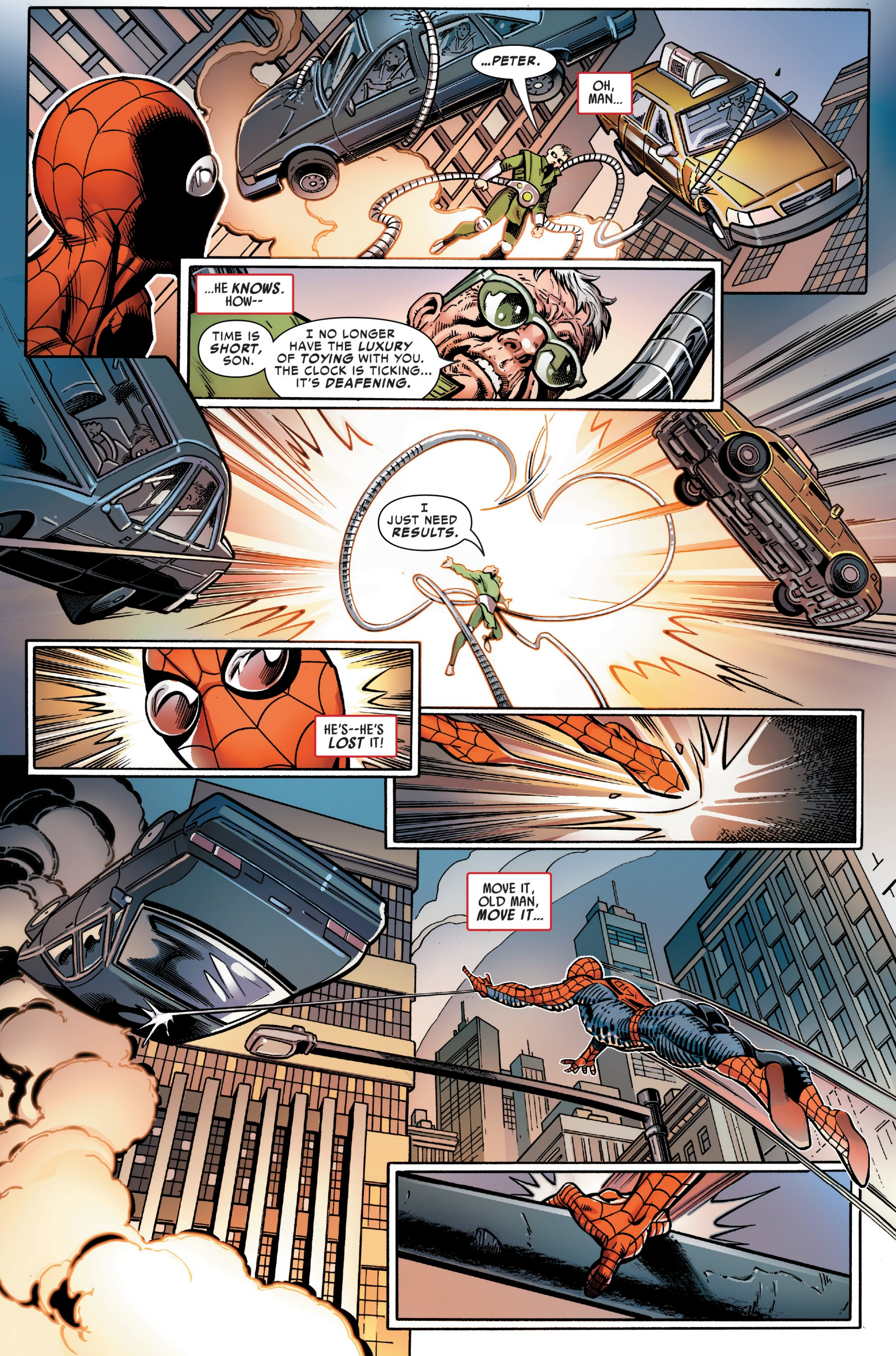
WOULD YOU STILL BE ALIVE? WOULD YOUR KIDS? DO YOU JUST NOT CARE ABOUT THEIR SAFETY?
MAYBE... YOU WANT ME TO TRIGGER A HOSTILE TAKEOVER SO YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE EXCUSE OF YOUR COMPANY KEEPING YOU FROM THEM AND YOUR EX.
WHERE ARE THEY THESE DAYS? PORTLAND, WAS IT? AS FAR AWAY AS THEY COULD GET WITHOUT GOING INTO THE BIG, BAD WORLD...
TONY, YOU'VE UNDOUBTEDLY HELPED AMERICA. BUT YOU'VE ALSO HELPED VARIOUS REGIMES AROUND THE WORLD WITH YOUR GUNS AND YOUR MISSILES THAT FELL INTO THEIR HANDS.
A REAL HERO.
AND IF YOU EVER AGAIN INSINUATE THAT I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT MY CHILDREN...
...I'LL BEAT YOU SO FAST YOUR BODYGUARD IRON MAN WILL BE LOOKING AT JOB LISTINGS NEXT WEEK.
GET THE HELL OUT OF MY OFFICE.
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BE--
PETER, IT'S MS. JONES ON LINE ONE.
THANKS, GLORY. PLEASE HELP MR. STARK FIND HIS WAY TO THE STREET.
IS THIS THE PRIVATE DICK WHO GETS ALL THE CHICKS BUT SETTLES FOR ME?
WHOA THERE, PARKER. THIS IS AN ALIAS INVESTIGATIONS BUSINESS CALL...
JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE. HE'S STILL IN JERSEY, STILL IN THAT INDUSTRIAL AREA. HONESTLY, HE HASN'T LEFT IN, LIKE, A WEEK.
SO, WITH BUSINESS CONCLUDED...
...SAVE THAT KIND OF TALK FOR TONIGHT WHEN I COME OVER.

...IS IT *YOUR* PLACE OR *MINE* TONIGHT?
I... NEITHER. SORRY, JESS.
I'M JUST...JUST *EXHUASTED.* AND STARK'S PLOTTING A TAKEOVER, SO I HAVE TO START PLANNING HOW TO SAVE THIS COMPANY.
TAK
IF I EVEN WANT TO SAVE IT...
YOU'RE *ALWAYS* SAYING THAT. PARKER INDUSTRIES IS YOUR *LIFE,* PETER.
SHHHK
AND WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT ME?
WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS *THAT?*

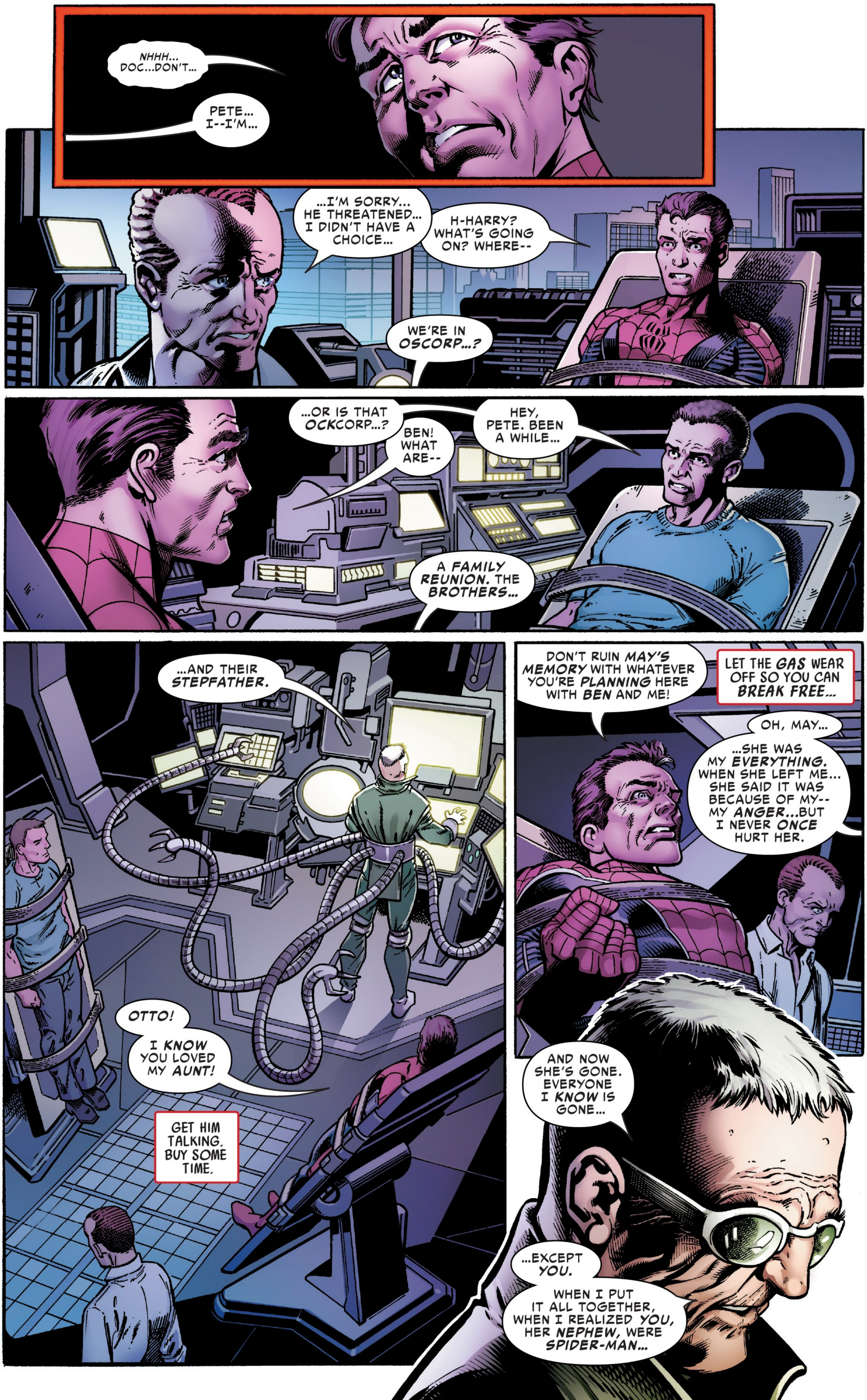
I'M STILL DOING IT. SPIDER-MAN.
DUTIFUL. JOYLESS. LIKE AN OLD MAN'S TRIP TO THE GYM EVERY DAY.
I'VE TRIED TO STOP. TO SEE IF I COULD ACTUALLY GIVE IT UP, MAYBE WIN MJ BACK...
...BUT WITH GREAT POWER...
...COMES GREAT GUILT. I CAN'T TURN MY BACK ON PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP. MAYBE...MAYBE I'M JUST TRYING TO TRICK MYSELF INTO THINKING I'M HELPING.
Y'S BAR
MAYBE STARK IS RIGHT. LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE WHILE I STOP MUGGERS AND BANK ROBBERS AND--
WHOA. POLICE RADIO JUST CLICKED ON IN MY EARPIECE. HAVE IT SET TO MONITOR KEY WORDS AND...WELL...


...IT'S A KEY WORD I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR AGAIN.
SPIDER-MAN!!
SHOW YOURSELF!
PHULLER ST.
OTTO OCTAVIUS IS BACK...
TRA K ONE
HD-HER
...AND I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE!
THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS MAY'S FUNERAL.


SHE LEFT HIM LONG BEFORE HER DEATH, AND HE JUST... DISAPPEARED.
I THOUGHT HE RETIRED DOWN TO FLORIDA, BUT, STUPID ME...
...WHY RETIRE WHEN YOU CAN THROW CITY BUSES AND--NH!
GONNA... GONNA PAY FOR THIS LATER...
DOCTOR SAYS I SHOULD ONLY CATCH CARS THESE DAYS...
SPIDER-MAN! OR SHOULD I SAY...


...PETER.
OH, MAN...
...HE KNOWS. HOW--
TIME IS SHORT, SON.
I NO LONGER HAVE THE LUXURY OF TOYING WITH YOU. THE CLOCK IS TICKING... IT'S DEAFENING.
I JUST NEED RESULTS.
HE'S--HE'S LOST IT!
MOVE IT, OLD MAN, MOVE IT...

NOBODY DIES.
NOBODY--
NHH!!!
WELL DONE, PETER...
SAVED THE DAY YET AGAIN...
PSSSHH
GKK...
...YOUR AUNT WOULD BE SO PROUD...


NHHH... DOC...DON'T...
PETE... I--I'M...
...I'M SORRY... HE THREATENED... I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE...
H-HARRY? WHAT'S GOING ON? WHERE--
WE'RE IN OSCORP...?
...OR IS THAT OCKCORP...?
BEN! WHAT ARE--
HEY, PETE. BEEN A WHILE...
A FAMILY REUNION. THE BROTHERS...
...AND THEIR STEPFATHER.
OTTO!
I KNOW YOU LOVED MY AUNT!
GET HIM TALKING. BUY SOME TIME.
DON'T RUIN MAY'S MEMORY WITH WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING HERE WITH BEN AND ME!
LET THE GAS WEAR OFF SO YOU CAN BREAK FREE...
OH, MAY...
...SHE WAS MY EVERYTHING. WHEN SHE LEFT ME... SHE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY-- MY ANGER...BUT I NEVER ONCE HURT HER.
AND NOW SHE'S GONE. EVERYONE I KNOW IS GONE...
...EXCEPT YOU.
WHEN I PUT IT ALL TOGETHER, WHEN I REALIZED YOU, HER NEPHEW, WERE SPIDER-MAN...

WHAT ARE YOU--
HE'S... HE'S--
YOU TOOK IT FROM ME, PETER. EVERYTHING I WAS BUILDING...
MY DREAM OF USING SCIENCE TO CHANGE THIS WORLD.
YOU STOLE MY FUTURE. MY PURPOSE. MY LIFE'S WORK.
AND NOW YOU'RE OUT THERE LIVING IT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.
WHILE I'M LEFT WITH NOTHING.
NOWHERE TO GO. NOTHING LEFT TO BECOME.
I GAVE EVERYTHING TO THIS!
EVERY NIGHT! EVERY DAY! EVERY PART OF ME!
AND YOU TOOK IT ALL!
YOU HAVE FAME. FRIENDS. A LIFE.
THE WORLD ADMIRES YOU.
WHERE DO I GO?
EVERY DOOR IS CLOSED.
EVERY PATH IS TAKEN.
EVER SINCE YOU BECAME FAMOUS...
I'VE BEEN NOWHERE.

NO, NO, NO, NO, I DIDN'T--
KRSH
--I DIDN'T--
MURDERER!
YOU'LL PAY F-- NH!
TOK

CHAPTER 6

WHAT CAN I GET YA, PAL?
BEER
I...
...JUST A COKE, THANKS...
HELLO, PETER.
OH! MR. OSBORN, I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE--
PLEASE, I TOLD YOU BEFORE. IT'S NORMAN.
LET ME BUY YOU YOUR...COKE, WAS IT?
UH, THANKS... NORMAN. APPRECIATE IT. LITTLE...LIGHT ON THE BREAD LATELY.
MY PLEASURE. I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, SMART KID LIKE YOU. BUT I GUESS THERE ARE MEDICAL BILLS TO PAY FOR...YOUR AUNT MAY, WAS IT?
I--HOW DID YOU--
OH, HARRY PROBABLY MENTIONED IT.
OR MAYBE I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU.
MAYBE FOLLOWING YOU HAS BEEN MY NEW HOBBY. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...

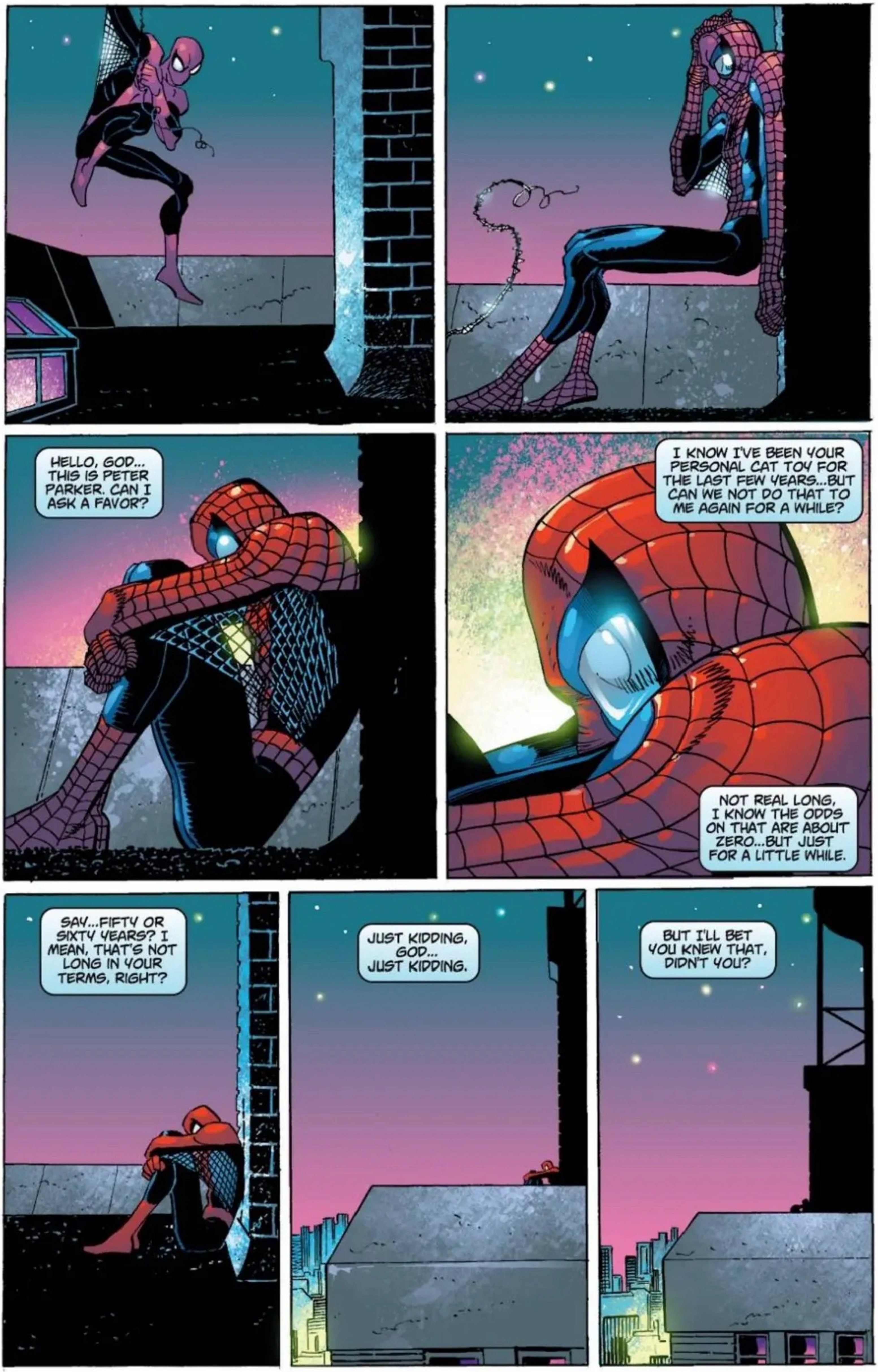
I KNOW THE REAL YOU.
YOU THINK BACK THEN... WHEN YOU FIRST FOUND A SUIT, YOU THINK IT WAS FATE?
NO.
I SENT THEM THE SUIT.
I GAVE YOU A PURPOSE.
YOU WANTED TO BE A GOD...
AND I GAVE YOU A SPEAR.
YOU WERE JUST A BOY LOOKING FOR MEANING. LOST. ANGRY. DESPERATE TO PROVE YOU MATTERED.
SO I GAVE YOU A WORLD THAT NEEDED YOU. A CITY THAT CHEERED FOR YOU.
BUT THAT WAS NEVER THE PLAN.
THE PLAN WAS CONTROL.
THROUGH FAME.
THROUGH FEAR.
THROUGH YOU.
YOU THINK YOU CHOOSE PEOPLE...
BUT YOU FOLLOW MY DESIGN.
EVERY ROOFTOP YOU SWING FROM...
EVERY LIFE YOU SAVE...
IT ALL SERVES WHAT I STARTED.
AND WHAT I WILL FINISH.
WHAT DO I DO NOW, PETER?
I WATCH YOU BECOME EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED...
...AND EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE.

YOU'RE LYING.
NO. IT'S TRUE.
MYSTERIO AND I BUILT THE ILLUSION.
THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS THE SPIDER-MAN.
ALWAYS IN CONTROL.
PETER GASPED.
JUST FOR YOU.
WE JUST WANTED TO... UHHH...
SPICE THINGS UP.
I MEAN COME ON...
THE WORLD LOVES YOU, DON'T THEY?
AHHH... THE "SPIDER-MAN."
THE DAILY BUGLE COULDN'T GET THEIR EYES OFF YOU.
EVERY ARTICLE.
EVERY HEADLINE.
TALKING NONSTOP.
SO WE THOUGHT...
SHOULDN'T WE JOIN THE FUN TOO?
YOU WANTED MEANING, PETER.
WE JUST GAVE THE AUDIENCE A MASK TO WORSHIP.

Every great story needs conflict.
Right?
You wanted your own fantasy...
Right, Parker?
Didn't you?
And I gave you one.
I ALMOST DIED!
SLAM
DO YOU HEAR ME?!
I almost died!
All those nights...
Thinking I was saving someone...
Fighting for something real...
AND you're telling me...
It was all just a game?!
A— A SCRIPT?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!

You were *begging* to run from the silence.
You said you needed to be ***SEEN.***
You asked to be your own god.
And I gave you what you wanted.
I gave you the suit.
The mask.
The story.
The city.
DAILY BUGLE
SPIDER-MAN SAVES THE DAY
And still...
you're *ungrateful.*
Face it, Parker.
Without my script...
you're just a boy with *hollow* dreams...
...and a forgotten uncle.
Peter's breath faltered.
He looked down.

THWIP!


HELLO, GOD... THIS IS PETER PARKER. CAN I ASK A FAVOR?
I KNOW I'VE BEEN YOUR PERSONAL CAT TOY FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS...BUT CAN WE NOT DO THAT TO ME AGAIN FOR A WHILE?
NOT REAL LONG, I KNOW THE ODDS ON THAT ARE ABOUT ZERO...BUT JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
SAY...FIFTY OR SIXTY YEARS? I MEAN, THAT'S NOT LONG IN YOUR TERMS, RIGHT?
JUST KIDDING, GOD... JUST KIDDING.
BUT I'LL BET YOU KNEW THAT, DIDN'T YOU?

I WAS JUST A YOUNG, UNTHINKING TEENAGER... WHEN I FIRST BECAME... SPIDER-MAN...
BUT, THE YEARS HAVE A WAY OF SLIPPING BY..OF CHANGING THE WORLD ABOUT US---
AND, EVERY BOY... SOONER OR LATER... MUST PUT AWAY HIS TOYS.. AND BECOME.. A MAN!
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